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DRAMATIC INCIDENTS IN CHINESE HONEYMOON MURDER.

AN ADVERSE SUMMING-UP.

[SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH"]

Found guilty of the murder of his wife, a cultured Chinese girl well-known in Hongkong, whom he had wedded in New York only a month prior to the terrible crime, Dr. Chung Yi Miao was sentenced to death at Carlisle Assizes yesterday.

A striking well-groomed figure in the dock, Miao, who holds a degree as Doctor of Law in a Chicago University, protested his innocence to the last, but the Judge, who had summed up very strongly against the accused, interrupted his protests, remarking: "I believe the verdict to be a true one."

The grim tragedy enacted on the lonely path in the Cumberland wilds, near which the victim's body was found, has excited considerable interest in Hongkong, an interest enhanced by the poignant fact that Mrs. Wai Sheung-siu Miao was on her honeymoon when she died.

Three cords were knotted tightly about the neck of the dead girl and her clothing had been disarranged deliberately to give an impression that an assault had been attempted. The Judge described the crime as a foul murder committed by a person of remarkable mentality.

The only motive which the Crown could impute against the accused was a desire to secure possession of his wife's money and jewellery, but strong circumstantial evidence pointing to his guilt, was adduced. Miao went for a walk with his bride, and returned alone. At eleven o'clock on the evening of the murder, when visited by the police he was found in bed in pyjamas. Jewellery worn on the fatal day by the dead woman was found in his possession, curiously concealed.

The defence suggested that Mrs. Miao was attacked and murdered by a robber, a powerful plea for acquittal being made by the defending counsel, who urged that there was nothing in the case against accused other than suspicion and surmise.

INNOCENCE PROTESTED TO LAST.

London, Oct. 24. The Judge then pronounced the sentence of death. There was a stir in the Assize Court at Carlisle when the defence counsel sat down, and the Judge began his address to the jury. He again cried out, "I am not jury."

At the outset, His Lordship characterized the crime as a foul murder committed by a person, or by persons, of remarkable mentality. There could be no doubt in the minds of the jury that a murder had been committed. He recounted the grim facts of the case, the discovery of the dead woman with three cords knotted round her throat, expensively dressed but stripped of all jewellery, with the exception of a platinum wrist watch.

Pertinent Questions. The prisoner had said that a pearl necklace, and a diamond ring were missing, but a necklace, valued at £400, and some rings were found in a locked jewel case in the room occupied by the couple. The key was found in the folds of a dress shirt, in a bag containing the prisoner's belongings.

If the murderer was a robber, asked His Lordship, how came these articles of jewellery in Miao's room?

Not a Robber's Crime. Medical evidence, had been given that the woman died by pieces of string tied tightly round the neck. Could the jury imagine any possible set of circumstances in which a robber would or could have killed a woman in that way?

At the close of the Judge's summing-up, the jury retired, their deliberations lasting for nearly an hour and a half, after which a verdict of "Guilty" was returned.

The prisoner heard the verdict calmly, then, as he had done in previous stages of the case, loudly protested his innocence.

Judge's Comment. His Lordship intervened in the flow of protestations, saying: "I know, the scene of the crime, have no power to re-try the case, on the 18th, appearing throughout nor has the jury, nor anyone else, to be on perfectly good terms. There is a court to which you may appeal if you think fit. I believe day, Dr. Miao and his bride went out for a walk. They were seen together within 120 yards of the place where the victim was found brutally murdered, and it was significant that Dr. Miao returned alone. Later, rings which had been seen on the dead woman's fingers that day were found concealed in a roll of camera film.

RUSSIA'S BOND OBLIGATIONS.

TASK FOR EUROPEAN COMMITTEE.

FOUR NATIONS TO WORK HAND IN HAND.

NO POLITICAL AIMS.

London, Oct. 24. Importance is attached in financial circles to the formation of an International Committee, with Lord Revelstoke as Chairman, to protect the interests of Russian bondholders. There are represented on this body an imposing list of Associations covering the principal European countries.

It is announced that the Committee will concern itself exclusively with bonded debts constituting a direct obligation of the Russian Government, or of any Russian Municipality, or containing the guarantee of either of these authorities.

No Separate Settlement.

The Associations represented on the Committee bind themselves not to conclude any separate settlement in respect of the said debts, either with the Russian Government or with any successor State, nor to be a party to any arrangement unless the benefits of such arrangement are open to the shared on an equal footing by all nationals of the countries represented on the Committee.

The Committee disclaims any political aims or motive of hostility towards Russia, its sole objects being to safeguard the interests of bondholders.

Influential Names.

The influential nature of the Committee is indicated by the names appearing on it. They include Mr. Lionel Rothchild and Lord Revelstoke, for Great Britain; representatives of the Societe-Generale Credit Lyonnais and the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, for France; the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Dutch Stock Exchange, for Holland; and Mendelssohn, Bloch and the Disconto Gesellschaft, for Germany.

The newspapers remark that the Committee is powerful enough to place the position of Russian bondholders before any Russian Government which should desire to raise fresh loans before considering the rights of existing bonds.—British Wireless.

The inaugural meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Lord Revelstoke, a director of the Bank of England, who was intimately connected with Russia under the Tsarist regime. The Committee will provide machinery to open discussions with Russia at a suitable time.

On Honeymoon. Reuter recalls that the couple arrived at the Lake District on their honeymoon, having come from New York. On the following day, Mrs. Chung Yi Miao was found strangled near Keswick.

The full facts of the case have been given in the Telegraph in special reports received from time to time since the terrible tragedy was discovered.

The couple were married in New York in May, and went to England for their honeymoon. The bride was formerly Miss Sui Wei-sheung, twenty-nine years of age, the daughter of the Mr. Sui Ying-chaw, who had business connexions in Hongkong and Macao and left a large fortune. Dr. Chun-yi Miao, now sentenced to death for the murder of his bride, was a year her junior.

Last Walk Together.

They arrived in Glasgow on the 11th, and at Grange, near flow of protestations, saying: "I know, the scene of the crime, have no power to re-try the case, on the 18th, appearing throughout nor has the jury, nor anyone else, to be on perfectly good terms. There is a court to which you may appeal if you think fit. I believe day, Dr. Miao and his bride went out for a walk. They were seen together within 120 yards of the place where the victim was found brutally murdered, and it was significant that Dr. Miao returned alone. Later, rings which had been seen on the dead woman's fingers that day were found concealed in a roll of camera film.

The trial at the Assizes lasted two days.

NO EMPLOYMENT FOR COMMUNISTS.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

WORKER'S DISMISSAL.

London, Oct. 24. An important point regarding the ineligibility of Communists for service in the Government has been raised by the dismissal from Woolwich Arsenal of a mechanic.

The employee concerned is named Percy Glading, and it is stated that he was dismissed because he was an avowed Communist.

The Communist Party has taken the matter up by issuing a manifesto denouncing what it terms the "victimisation."

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has held a meeting to consider the matter, after which it was officially stated that it had been learned that the Government had decided not to employ Communists unless they renounced Communism.

This decision has been taken by the Government, it is stated, because it felt that the employment

MOSCOW PAYING FOR AGITATION.

\$450,000 Said to Have Been Sent to Shanghai.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

Shanghai, Oct. 25. It is stated in foreign circles here that evidence has been discovered in recent raids on Communist groups, that Chinese agitators have been receiving large sums of money from the Third Internationale for the purpose of maintaining their mischief-making activities. Over \$450,000 has been paid in the past few weeks, according to reports, the money having reached Shanghai via Tokyo.—Nam Chung Pao.

of such men was incompatible with their loyalty to the State. The Council of the T.U.C. has decided to make enquiries from the Government on the point raised.—Reuter.

CHANG AND PEI REACH AGREEMENT.

RAILWAY REVENUES ARE TO BE SHARED.

Shanghai, Oct. 24. In connexion with the negotiations between General Pei Chung-hsi and General Chang Hsueh-liang, it is reported that both sides have agreed that in future revenues derived from the Peking-Mukden Railway shall be divided among the two leaders. On the line east of Luanchow, the Fengtien-ites will have the control, whilst west of Luanchow, the troops of General Pei Chung-hsi will handle the revenue.

The young Manchurian leader also agrees to return to General Pei 240 passenger and goods coaches as well as 12 locomotives, the majority of which are far from being in a good condition. Of the locomotives, it is understood, only four are in running order, these being now at Luanchow.

TWO SOUTH POLAR EXPEDITIONS.

SIR GEORGE WILKINS SETS OUT ON WHALER.

Monte Video, Oct. 24. Sir George Wilkins' South Polar Expedition sailed aboard the Norwegian whaler Hektoia to-day, en route to Deception Island, which will be the main base of the Expedition.

Commander Byrd is also heading a South Polar Expedition, having left San Pedro, California, on the 11th instant for Dunedin, where he joins the three ships chartered for the adventure.

The two expeditions will not in any way compete, but may co-operate.—Reuter.

CHINA-PORTUGAL TREATIES.

DISCUSSIONS MAY SET NEW PRECEDENT.

PORTUGUESE MINISTER SAYS GOOD PROGRESS MADE.

DIFFERENT TO OTHERS.

Senhor Joao Bianchi, the Portuguese Minister to China, who returned from a diplomatic mission to Nanking last week, interviewed by a representative of the Shanghai Times, announced that his negotiations with the Nationalist Government regarding the revision of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty, which expired in March last, will create a precedent and only between China and the foreign Powers whose treaties have been denounced, but also with the Powers who have shown their willingness to negotiate. Questioned regarding the progress he had made over the revision of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty, Senhor Bianchi replied that the progress made could not have been more satisfactory. The atmosphere in which it was evolved, he said, was also very friendly.

Valuable Work.

"It is my belief," Senhor Bianchi stated, "that very valuable constructive work towards the placing of the relations between the two countries on a treaty basis instead of the present unsettled stage, has been accomplished. 'I am very pleased,' Senhor Bianchi said, 'that the negotiations have been carried on entirely in a spirit of friendship and goodwill. I am gratified to note that the spirit of co-operation which has always been my policy, has been appreciated by the Chinese Government. As a matter of fact, having denounced their treaty with Portugal, it is up to the Nationalist Government to find a new basis that would suit their views and at the same time satisfy my Government.'"

Attitude Of Co-Operation.

Continuing Senhor Bianchi said: "Fully realizing that the situation is entirely new for China and fraught with many difficulties, my attitude has been to co-operate, as far as possible, in order that all obstacles may be removed, at the same time safeguarding the interests of Portugal."

The Minister emphasized that his negotiations with Nanking comprise the drafting of a new treaty that may be called a model in the new departure of international relations with China. "My idea," he said, "has been to help to draft a document that although possessing the generality of a preliminary treaty, suits the urgency of the moment, and may not have the staidness of a modus vivendi. If these generalities are to be worked into realities, provision should be made for their progressive development without having to wait for the labourious process of completing a complete treaty of commerce."

Unlike Other Treaties.

"If there is to be a remoulding of the relations, they should not be forced into a ready-made crucible but should be given stability by gradual casting. I am very well aware, that the Nationalist Government has to act very cautiously. Therefore, sufficient time has to be taken in considering every step." Asked if the revision of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty will not be similar to the new treaties concluded between China and America and China and Germany, the Minister replied that his negotiations are entirely different from the Sino-American and Sino-German treaties.

In the case of America, he said, though it meant a very important departure she knew exactly what she was surrendering and all that China had to do was to decide whether or not to accept it on the conditions proposed. In the case of Germany, the position of the relations with China had been entirely altered by the war and simplified by the abolition of her extraterritorial rights.

LONDON CLERGY IN REVOLT.

SYNOD REJECTS POLICY OF THE BISHOPS.

OPPOSE REVISED BOOK.

London, Oct. 24. The London Diocesan Synod sitting in secret session for seven hours to-day at St. Martin-in-the-Field Church, rejected four out of the six suggestions addressed to it by the Bishop of London on the use of the Revised Prayer Book.

The Bishop of London recommended the use of the Revised Prayer Book with only minor restrictions in accordance with the policy agreed upon by the majority of Bishops after their private Session at Lambeth Palace at the end of last month.

The Bishops agreed on a course which went far to establish the claims of the revisions which Parliament rejected, authorising them where consent of the laity could be obtained.

The rejection by the Synod of the London Diocese is a quite unlooked-for development.

It is officially stated that one thousand and sixty-six of the clergy participated in the voting of the Synod, by ballot.

Their decision, it is thought, will gravely affect the application of the policy outlined by the Bishops.—Reuter.

AFGHAN MILITARY MEASURES.

NO CONNEXION WITH ROYAL REFORMS.

London, Oct. 24. The Afghan Legation has declared that there is no connexion between the recent military measures and King Amanullah's reforms.

The measures referred to are the carrying out of a punitive expedition by Afghan cavalry and artillery against a Ghilzai village on the Kabul-Gardez road, in which the villagers were reduced to submission.

These operations took place on the 10th instant and were cited as confirming stories that trouble was brewing in Afghanistan owing to the King's efforts to enforce Westernisation too speedily.—Reuter.

ROYAL TOUR TO THE EAST.

VISITS TO CEYLON AND SINGAPORE.

Brussels, Oct. 24. It is announced that the Duke and Duchess of Brabant (the Crown Prince and Princess of Belgium), who are leaving for a voyage to the Dutch East Indies on November 23rd, will privately visit Ceylon and Singapore.

The Duke intends to study industrial methods in the Dutch East Indies and to compare them with existing methods in the Belgian Congo.—Reuter.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RECRUITING.

FORCE NOW TOTALS NEARLY 140,000.

London, Oct. 24. Official returns show that during the recruiting year ended September 30th last, 29,033 men were approved for service in the Territorial Army, being an increase of 6,466 on the total for the previous year.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of Permanent Staff, on October 1st was 6,656 officers and 123,027 other ranks.—British Wireless.

P. AND O. DIVIDEND.

TWELVE PER CENT. FOR THE YEAR.

London, Oct. 24. The P. and O. Company recommends a final dividend of 7 per cent, making a total for the year of 12 per cent.—Reuter.

DETECTIVE'S LONG QUEST.

SCOTLAND YARD MAN AND "EVEREADY."

UNUSUAL STORY BEHIND PROSECUTIONS.

ENGAGED BY COMPANY.

A rather unusual story is behind the recent trade marks prosecutions in Hongkong, a story connected with a long quest by a former Scotland Yard detective in the Far East, which carried him from Shanghai to Hongkong, to Singapore, back to Hongkong and then again to Shanghai, in search of the organisers of the gigantic scheme for bamboozling the public.

The detective is Mr. R. S. de L. Daniell, who gave evidence in the Hongkong cases, and who is now in Shanghai prosecuting several persons in connexion with infringements of the "Eveready" battery rights.

Seven men are charged in Shanghai, and the case contains those elements of romance appearing in the best selling detective novels and is uncovered as a result of relentless search on the part of Mr. Daniell who gave evidence that he is a former Scotland Yard detective and had been retained by the National Carbon Company, makers of the "Eveready" battery to track down the infringers on their patents.

A Falling Off in Sales.

Mr. Daniell stated that his employees some months ago noted a great falling off in the China and Far East sales of "Eveready" batteries and sent him to Shanghai to ascertain the reason. He spent some months here with poor results and went farther south continuing his investigation. Not until he reached Singapore did he find a clue, and that brought those responsible to book.

The result was the finding of two factories which he alleged were working in great secrecy and were flooding the East with imitations of the "Eveready" battery. He claimed the fakes did not burn for as great a length of time as those of the company he represented, and furthermore that the imitations were got up in such a manner that they could easily deceive anyone into thinking they were "Eveready" products.

Further investigation on his part resulted in the uncovering of Shanghai factories manufacturing batteries similar to the "Eveready" and representatives of four were before the Provisional Court recently.

The Factories Prosecuted.

They were the Tai Hang-yuen Company, Y34 Lloyd Road; the Waike Battery Company, 368, Fochow Road; and the Central Carbon Company, Elgin Road, all in the Settlement, and the Wei Ming Battery Company, Fong Pang Bridge, in the French Concession.

Evidence was introduced that showed that the Central Carbon Company had been manufacturing and selling a product called the "Eveready" battery in colour and size was greatly similar to the battery of the National Carbon Company. The Wei Ming Battery Company was alleged to have gone even farther and after dressing their product much after the fashion of the "Eveready" battery, called in the "Eveready."

In all cases considerable evidence was taken by the police and introduced in Court and great interest was manifested in Mr. Daniell's testimony of seeking the perpetrator's of the fraud in a search that stretched from Japan to India and the Philippines.

BIG ENDOWMENT FOR INSTITUTE.

SIR ABE BAILEY'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

London, Oct. 24. The Secretary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs says that Sir Abe Bailey, the well-known racehorse owner and former South African magnate, has endowed the Institute with £5,000 a year during his life-time, and has arranged the continuance of the endowment after his death.—Reuter.

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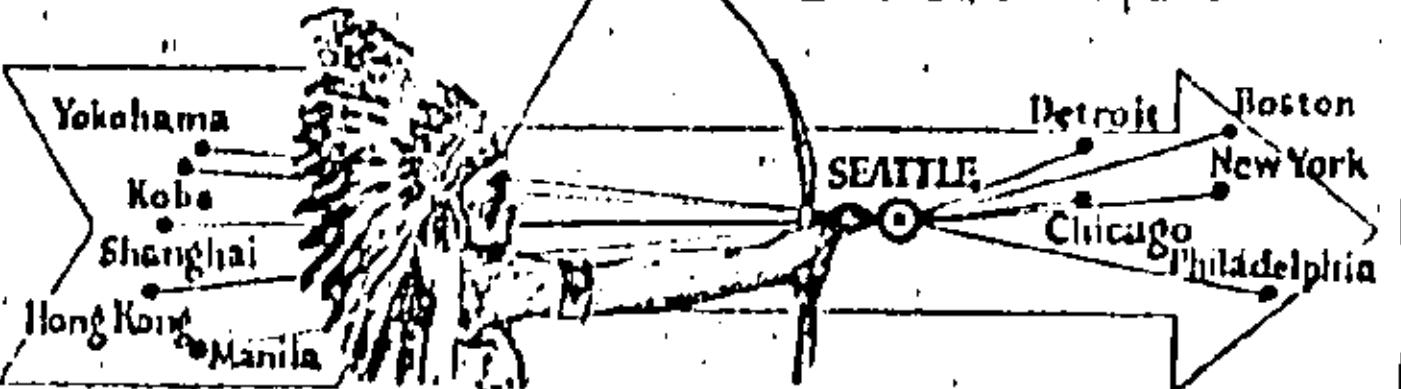
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LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle gives you a chance to meet the FOLK from the CITY. And you'll have to leave the city to meet them. Par is six.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Men, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW MEN.

2—You can change only one letter at time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

EASMA ACTIVITIES.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

The report of the Committee of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association for presentation to the seventh annual meeting to be held on Wednesday of next week has just been circulated to members. The report states:

The total membership now stands at 238. During the year 42 new members joined the Association and 7 resignations were received. In addition, departures from the Colony of other members have reduced our numbers considerably.

Your Committee sincerely regret to report the deaths of Dr. W. W. Pearce, a former Vice-President, and Mr. R. Batson, who for a period acted as Secretary.

Committee.

During the year Messrs. J. Bottemley, C. H. Eldridge and E. D. Tobin resigned from the Committee, the former on leaving the Colony on Home leave and the two latter owing to pressure of business. The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by these gentlemen during their respective terms of office.

Messrs. T. T. Laurensen and S. C. Fellham were co-opted to fill two of the vacancies in accordance with Rule 5.

Your Committee regret to record the resignation of our President, Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., on account of his departure from the Colony early in October. A farewell supper in his honour was held on the Club premises on 22nd Sept. which proved to be a most successful and enjoyable function. On behalf of the Association, Mr. H. J. Pearce thanked him for his interest in, and valuable services to the Association.

Staff.

The services of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were secured in April of this year as Treasurers in order to secure more economical and efficient working of the Club's finances.

Your Committee regret to record the death in July of this year of the No. 2 Bar Boy who had served the Club faithfully since its inception. The members subscribed a sum of \$255.00 for the benefit of his dependents.

Finance.

Your Committee have to report a loss of \$958.34 on the year's working as against a loss last year of \$1,647.69.

Sales in the Bar decreased from \$25,323.75 to \$16,896.71, a difference of \$8,427.04. In order to compare the Profit in the Bar with the previous year, it is necessary to add the monthly subscriptions, which had hitherto been included in the Bar Trading Account, to the figure shown as Profit on Bar, giving the sum of \$5,190.85 as against \$5,884.08 in 1927, a difference of only \$793.18, which the Committee consider satisfactory in view of the large decrease in sales mentioned above.

Interest on the Charter War Fund has increased by \$397.10. Commission on Sweepstakes has benefited the Club to the extent of \$1,874.74 which is an increase of \$1,100.66 on the same item in last year's Balance Sheet. It will be seen that considerable economies have been effected in respect of Rent, Wages and Salaries.

Cash Sweeps.

The Association organised three Cash Sweeps during the year, viz., Doncaster St. Leger 1927, Hongkong Derby 1928 and Epsom Derby 1928, resulting in a good profit for the benefit of the Club.

Armistice Day 1927.

The Association held their annual dinner on Nov. 11th which was a successful and enjoyable function. The attendance registered a new record. Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., presided and His Excellency the Office Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) honoured us by his presence.

A YEAR'S PROHIBITION.

60,000 PROSECUTIONS IN U. S. DURING YEAR.

Washington, Oct. 24.
The Department of Justice states that nearly 60,000 persons were prosecuted under the prohibition law during the year ended June 30 last. Convictions were obtained in 80 per cent of the cases and fines amounting to over \$37,000,000 were imposed, the highest total since the law was passed.

As regards the smuggling of liquor into the United States, the coast guards seized 22 foreign and nearly 400 domestic craft.—
Reuter's American Service.

Other distinguished members of the Government and Services were present. At the Cenotaph ceremony the Association was again well represented.

Your Committee desire to bring to the notice of members and other ex-active service men that the forthcoming Armistice Day will be the tenth anniversary and it is hoped that all will make a special effort to be present at the Cathedral, the Cenotaph and the dinner.

The thanks of the Association are due to Lt. Col. Bird, D.S.O., for the use of the Volunteer Headquarters for the dinner.

The Late Earl Haig.

On the occasion of the Memorial Service to the late Earl Haig, a large number of members attended at the Cathedral, prior to which a wreath was placed upon the Cenotaph.

A message of sympathy to Lady Haig was sent from the Association.

The Association was represented at home by Mr. R. K. Hopburn, who laid wreaths on the London Cenotaph on behalf of the British Legion and Ex-Active Service Men's Association of Hongkong.

Chinese War Memorial.

On Sunday, May 6th the official unveiling of the Pailau, erected in the Botanical Gardens, in memory of the Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War, took place. The Association was represented at the ceremony.

Sports and Entertainments.

The Association entered in a number of Billiards matches which were greatly enjoyed by the members present.

A farewell supper and concert was held at the Club House in honour of Col. C. Russell Brown last February.

Bathing Beach and Picnics.

It is regretted that all efforts to secure the Easma Bathing Beach at Stonecutters have, up to the present, proved unsuccessful. In this connection thanks are due to your former President, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell, for his untiring efforts to secure for us this beach. It is hoped the Military authorities will see their way clear to granting the use of it to the Association next year.

Launch Picnics were again organised, but owing to lack of support these had to be abandoned.

Library.

Two new bookcases have been obtained and a fair number of books given by various members of the Association.

Billiards.

The re-arrangement of the lighting over the Billiard Table was most effectively carried out by Sergt. Bruno, K.O.S.B., to whom the best thanks of the Association are tendered.

Relief.

Certain necessitous cases were afforded relief during the year under review.

Appreciation.

The thanks of the Association are again tendered the Honorary Solicitors, Messrs. Deacons, for their generous assistance during the past year and also to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, our Honorary Auditors.

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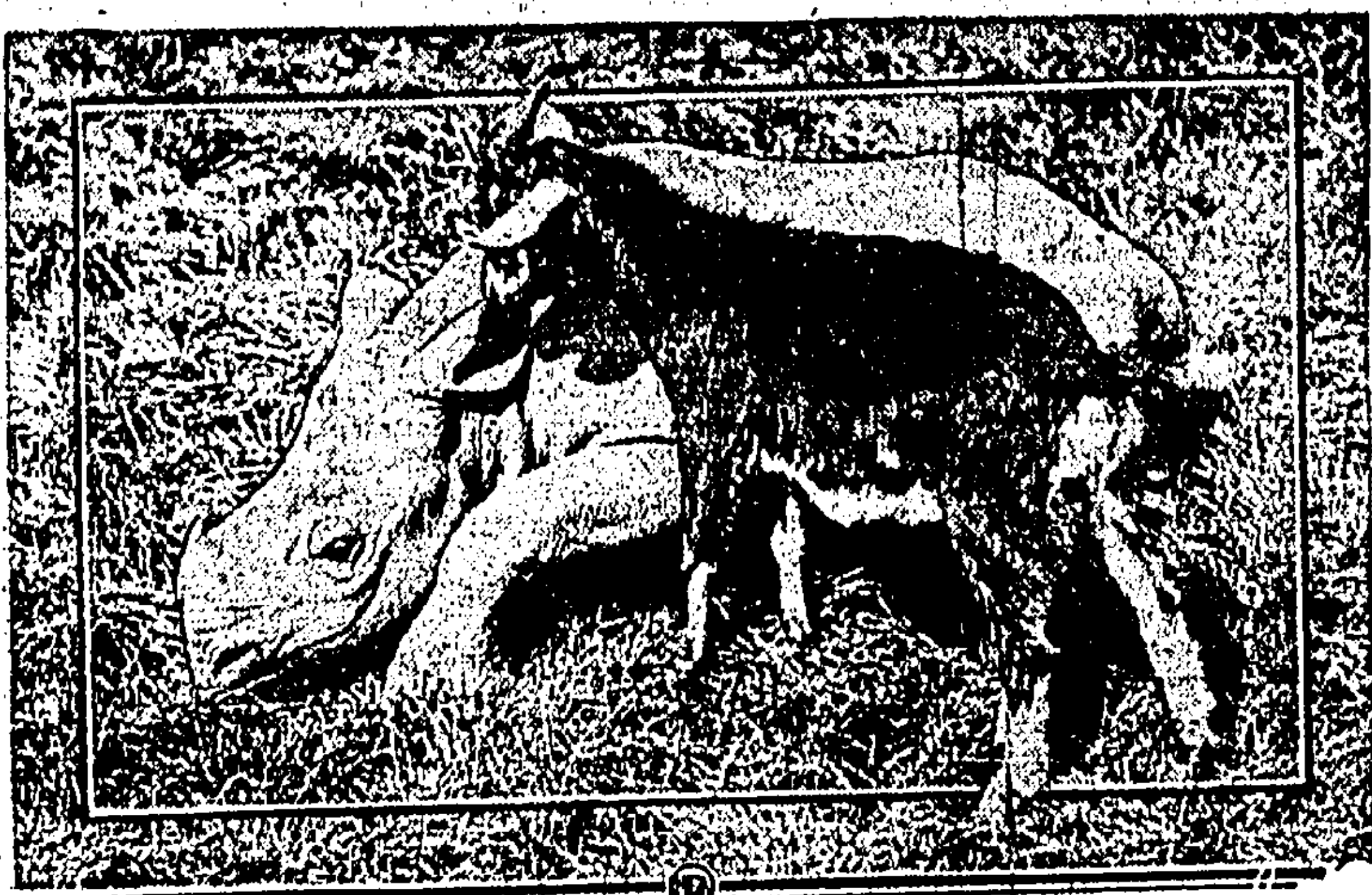


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This extraordinary picture taken at the London Zoological Gardens recently, shows a billy goat apparently engaged in earnest conversation with a baby rhinoceros. Just what the party of the first part is saying to the party of the second part, is the puzzle, though possibly he is about to take a nice healthy bite.



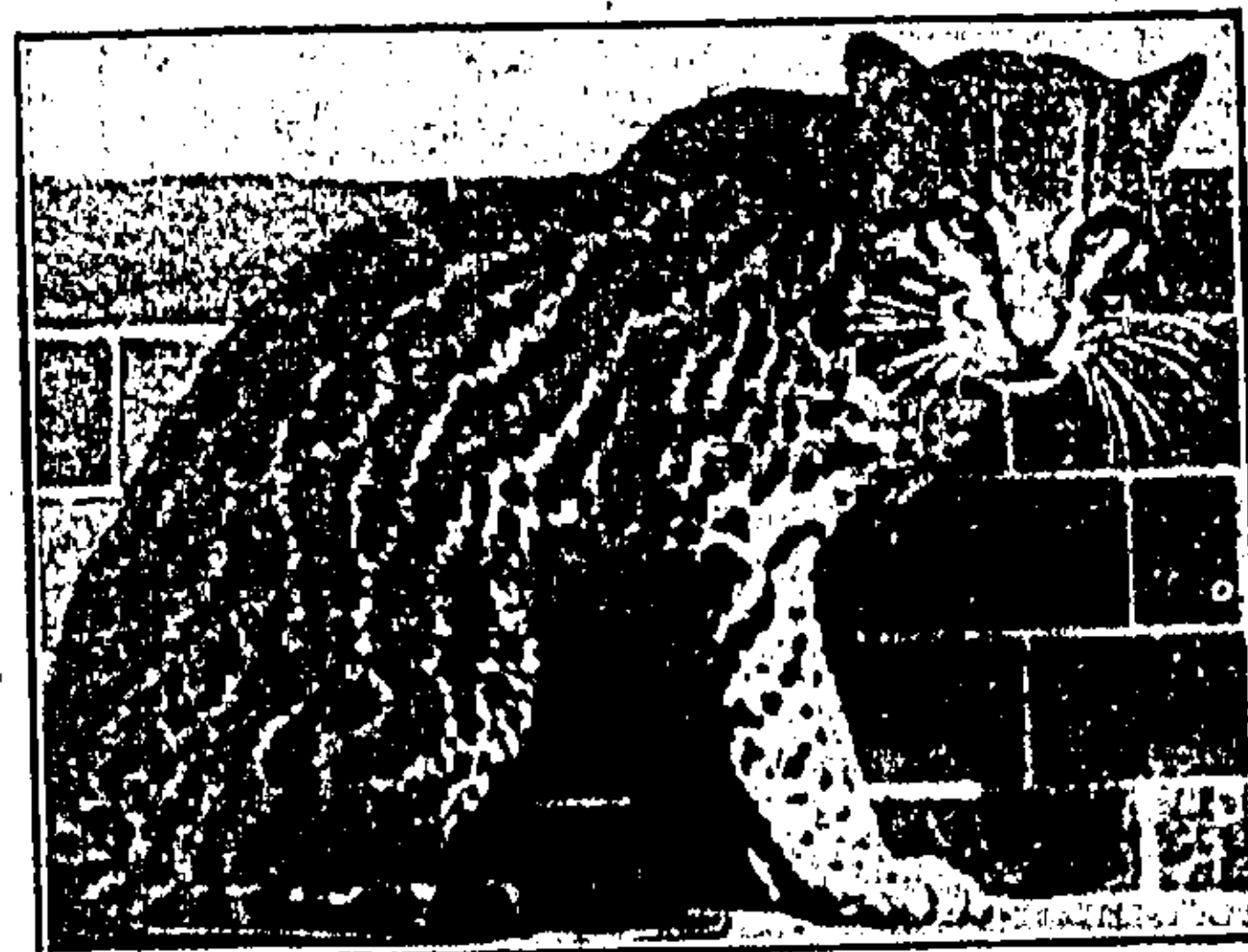
A cat and dog life appears to be a less agitated process than generally imagined judging by the above pictures



Our picture shows part of the dog power of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition. The four huskies were posed for the photo as they and about 75 companions arrived at Norfolk, to be placed aboard one of Byrd's ships. They were recruited in Labrador.



Robert H. Clark who has taken up his duties as U. S. under-secretary of state. He succeeds Robert E. Olds, who resigned.



Our photograph shows a beautifully marked Ocelot (Felis Paralis) which arrived at the Zoo recently from Brazil. (Times copyright).



A jolly group of young French boys and girls who took an active part in the fête which was held at the French Park Shanghai recently.



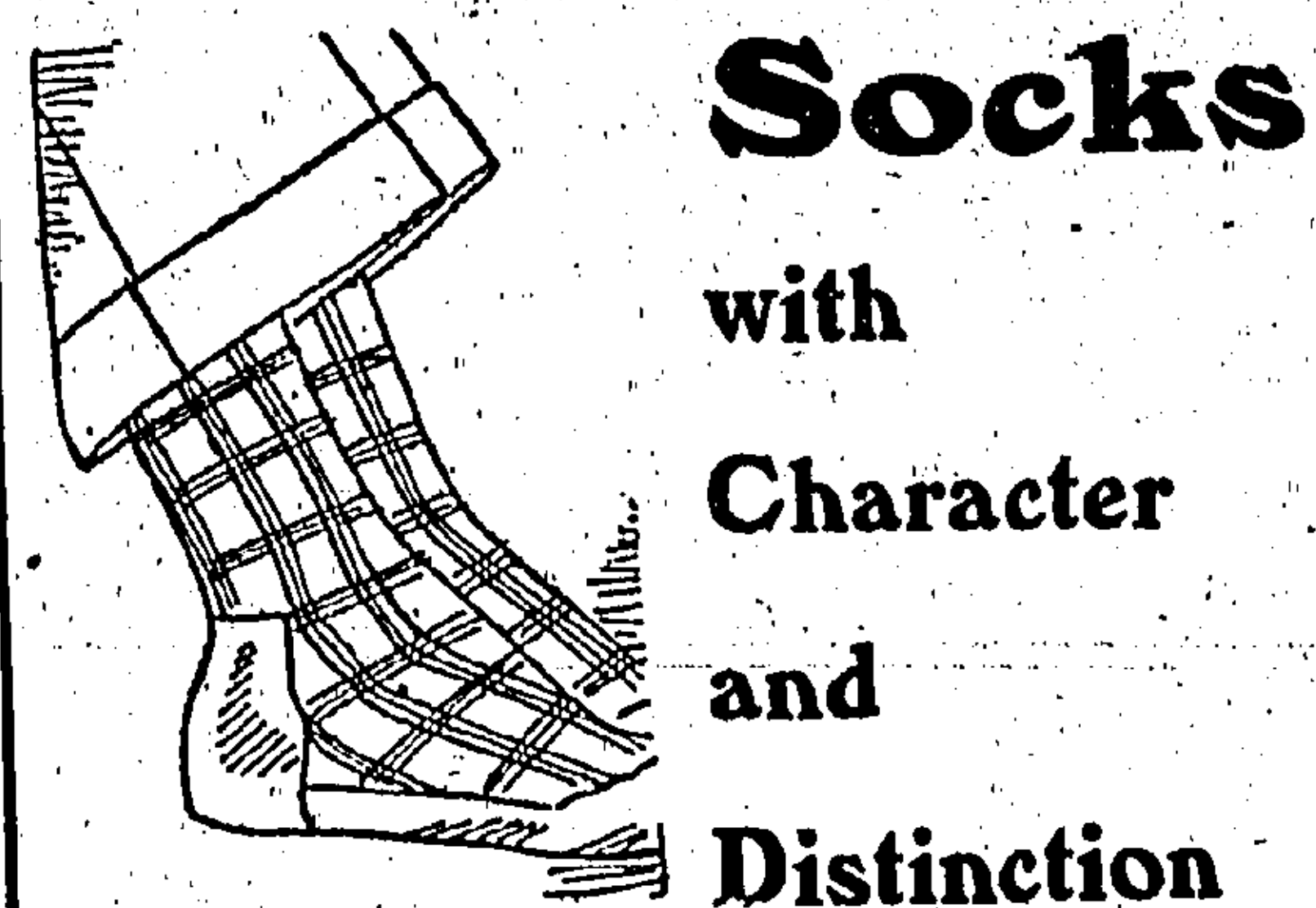
Children enjoying the thrill of the big slide which was so popular at the Children's Fete held at the French Park Shanghai recently.



The above picture shows a difficult movement in one of the physical culture exercises conducted by an expert in Shanghai.



At the Children's Fete, which was held at the French Park for the benefit of the poor children of France, Shanghai's French children appeared in the gay costumes of the peasantry of their native land.



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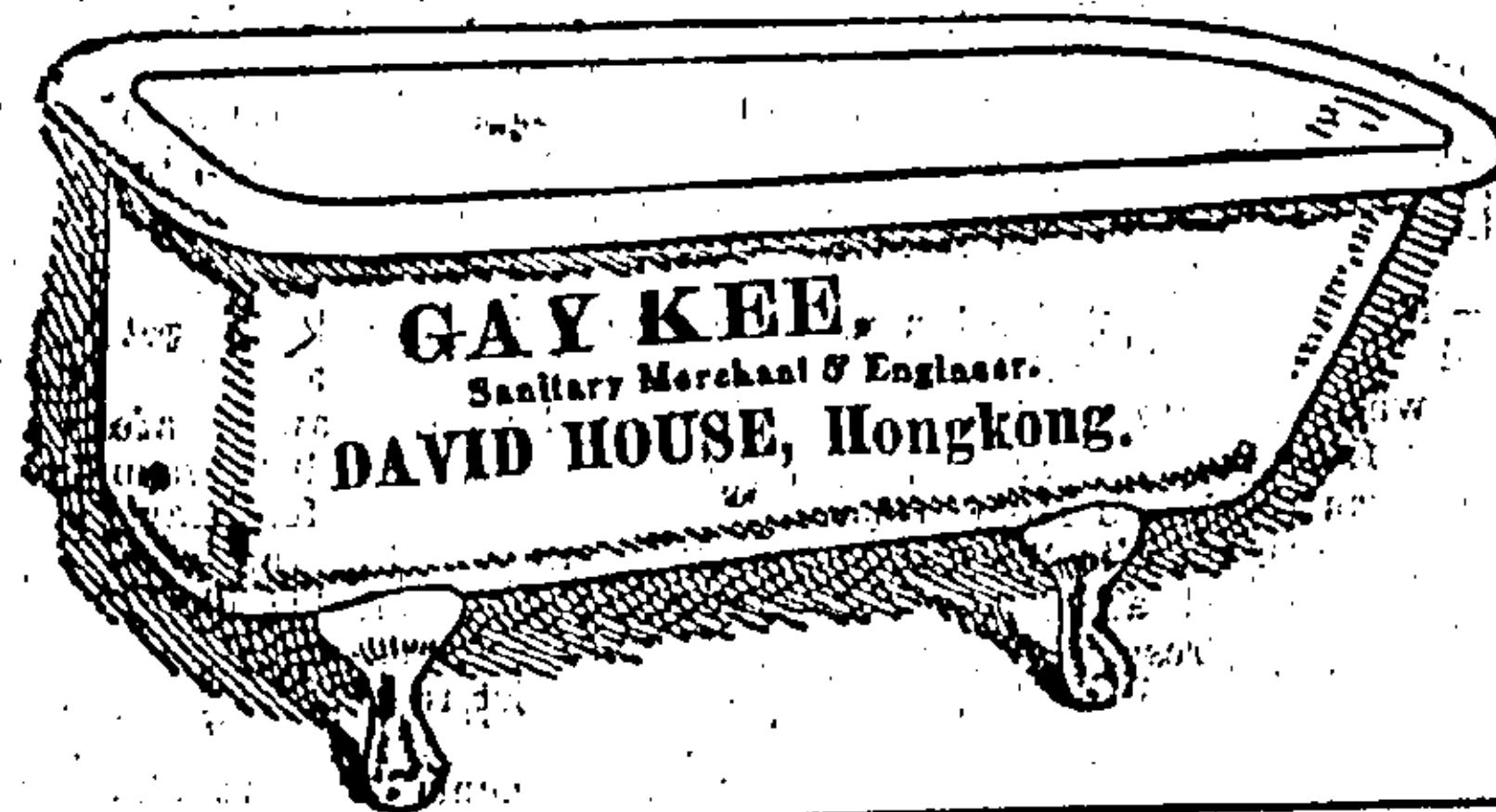
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When taffetas was cautiously urged as a tentative medium for the flaring silhouette, that swept all before it in fashion, there were few who accorded it a hearty welcome. Things are different now, however.

It has demonstrated that the new flair for great elaboration, gathers and folds of fabric, finds no more lovely expression than in taffetas. We find it now, not only in the "period" frock or robe-de-style, but in chic afternoon models, and in two-piece practical dresses.

Many windows on the Grands Boulevards, are given over entirely to taffetas displays. One shop chooses navy blue as the colour, and features taffetas in this colour in combination with georgette, in frocks for older women. Another shop selects black for afternoon wear, trimming it with white and beige lingerie touches, and another window shows a practical morning phase, charming little two-piece dresses, combining plaid taffetas with a plain, pleated skirt, the latter trimmed in a smart plaid.

Satins are still popular, and are followed by georgette and velvet combinations in the smarter styles. Crepe satins, Canton crepes, and flat crepes are among the new season's favoured materials.

Very Demure.



One of the season's prettiest dance frocks is made of flesh pink chiffon embroidered with velvet spots in a slightly deeper shade. The frock is tucked all over finely on the bodice and broadly on the skirt—and is finished with a big black taffetas bow.

Fringe or no Fringe?



Since several popular society women set the vogue of the light fringe, other women are probably thinking of following their lead, but are uncertain if this style of hair-dressing will suit them.

It is purely a question of type. Some faces look charming beneath a light, soft fringe; others do not. Try the effect at home by cutting a few hairs and carefully examining the result. The very lightest of fringes will help you to decide whether the style will prove becoming or the reverse. If the decision is in the negative, no great harm is done, for the cut hair will readily brush back until it grows again to normal length.

If the trial fringe pleases you and you decide to wear one, do not allow the hair-dresser to cut a straight wedge right across the forehead. This is ugly, except on the favoured few who possess the medieval page-boy type of face. A central fringe, a soft wave on either temple, a series of little curls across the brow... these are the best styles for the average girl.

Latest Fashions.

Do you hear the voice of fashion, O my daughter? Do you mark what all her experts have to say. That the boyish mode is ended. And your meals may be extended. Which had shrunk to just a rusk or two a day? No more of that starvation which has so alarmed the nation. The sweetly rounded form has come to stay!

And the textile manufacturers are happy. For it means a greater output of their wares. There are pennons from the drapers. And rejoicing in the papers. Which the husband and the father duly shares. For that thinning process truly tried your tempers quite unduly. And increased the load of dull, domestic cares.

'Tis not Venus you should emulate but Juno. You must take the extra nourishment you need. And you'll find the latest movement will effect a great improvement. It will make you more attractive, dears, indeed. But I can't be quite concealing. The unpleasant doubt I'm feeling. For you may not pay the fashion any heed. TOUCHSTONE.

Difficult Corners.

Life is not easy. Each has a plan To meet its problems As best we can. Best may seem worse than You can approve. Glancing so fondly From your own groove. Not to the best friend Can we explain All that perplexes. Us or gives pain. Kindness there's need for Charity's grace. You see the plan, but Know not the place. THELMA COOMBS.

Artistic Corners.

Like Nature, the artistic housewife loathes an empty space, with nothing to redeem it, and corners are just empty spaces, in most houses, hence the cold, hard effect in so many otherwise charming rooms.

Even a picture hung across a corner will help to soften a sharp angle—but nothing ever made or devised does this quite so effectively as an old-fashioned built-in corner cupboard.

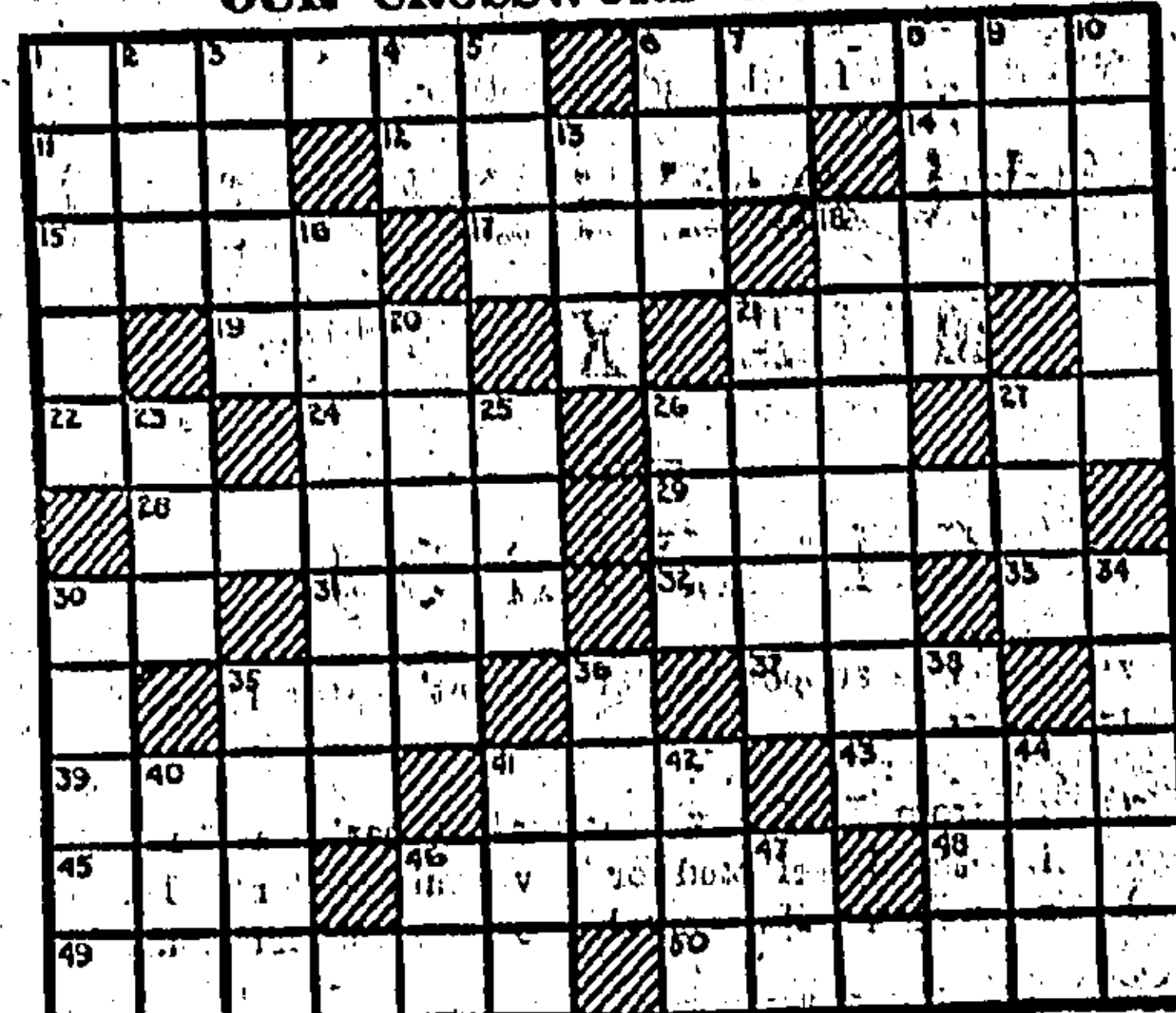
Stained and polished to match the remainder of the furniture, it matters not whether glass doors, or chintz curtains adorn it, or whether it is filled with books, china, brass, or pewter. What even the contents, it will still lend to that room an old-world charm altogether impossible to the modern cabinet, however expensive or well-made.

A Chic Hat.



The draped toque is one of La Mode's present favourites. Here it is expressed in black faille, trimmed with two shaded black and white ostrich tips.

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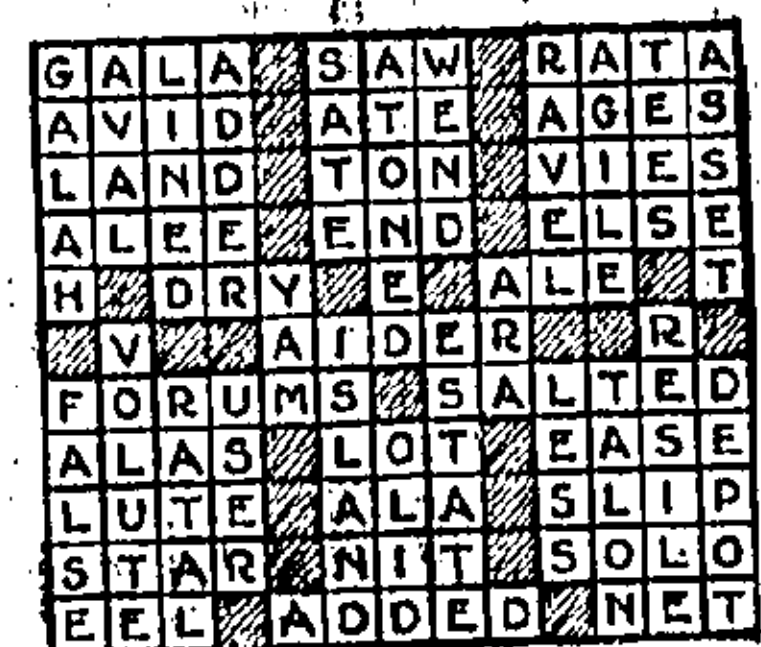
- 1 Pale.
- 6 What French lyric poet was the first of the modern school?
- 11 English coin.
- 12 Low sofa.
- 14 Reverential fear.
- 15 A young sheep.
- 17 Male.
- 18 What fluid is secreted by the liver?
- 19 Before.
- 21 Portion of circle.
- 22 Therefore.
- 24 Troop.
- 26 Ago.
- 27 Bone.
- 28 Whorl.
- 29 Greyish white.
- 30 Abbreviation for "street."
- 31 Kindled.
- 32 Male cat.
- 33 Standard of type measure.
- 35 Deer.
- 37 Woolly surface of cloth.
- 39 To impel.
- 41 Membrane uniting duck's toes.
- 43 Home of a bird.
- 45 Five centime piece.
- 46 Who is the composer of the opera "Carmen"?
- 48 Born.
- 49 Which is the largest river in the world?
- 50 Something very inflammable.

- 1 Long, slender pieces of timber.
- 2 Constellation.
- 3 Grippled.
- 4 Small fresh water fish.
- 5 Not bright.
- 6 Mover's truck.
- 7 Within.
- 8 Secular.
- 9 Bird of the night.

Vertical

- 10 Requirements.
- 13 Tanner's vessel.
- 16 Who invented the system of printing used for the blind?
- 18 What is a person of the highest caste among the Hindus called?
- 20 Weir.
- 21 The malicious burning of a dwelling.
- 22 Hope kind.
- 25 To place.
- 26 To devour.
- 27 Unit.
- 30 Who is the composer of the opera, "El Capitan"?
- 34 Rhythm.
- 35 What is the large known species of food?
- 36 Tarboosh.
- 38 To be undecided.
- 40 Clue.
- 42 To waver.
- 44 To observe.
- 46 Exclamation used to startle.
- 47 Seventh note in scale.

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The
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1928.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

It is evident by the news received from our Swatow correspondent yesterday that a serious situation has developed at that port in regard to the activities of the Surtax Bureau. The dispute has been going on for more than a month now, and it seems to be getting worse rather than better. It is the old story of friction between merchants and officials of a Bureau operating a Government tax, and after closely following the developments of the past few weeks, the conclusion can hardly be avoided that the merchants have a genuine grievance. The fact that Chinese Chambers of Commerce in Siam, the Straits Settlements and the F.M.S., as well as various commercial bodies in Kwangtung Province itself, have felt impelled to make representations to Nanking on the matter, shows the extent of the feeling that has been aroused. One of the most unfortunate aspects of the matter is that Canton and Nanking appear to be at variance on the subject, inasmuch as their orders to the Bureau are diametrically opposed.

In considering this subject, it should be borne in mind that the Bureau which is causing all the trouble was instituted for the purpose of collecting what is known as the Washington surtax of 2½ per cent. Incidentally, the merchants complain that Kwangtung is the only Province which has set up a separate Bureau for this purpose, the impost being handled elsewhere by the Customs. But the principal cause for objection appears to be that those to whom the collection of the surtax has been farmed out are not satisfied with the normal 2½ per cent., and refusing to accept the Customs valuation of goods, they indulge in a variety of "squeeze" to the detriment of trade in general. A further complaint by the merchants is that perishable goods are often left on the wharves until they are of no value whatever, this being due to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Bureau functions, causing endless delay and confusion. Even as originally established, the Bureau was objected to by the merchants, on the grounds that it was totally unnecessary and that conflicts were bound to arise owing to two distinct organisations being concerned with the levying of taxes. Matters, however, be-

came even worse when new regulations giving further opportunities for extortion were issued. So incensed were the Chinese traders at this development that for a time they stopped all exporting, and the "strike" only came to an end when the Nanking Government ordered the Bureau to operate on the lines originally laid down. At the same time, the Nanking Government ordered the merchants to resume exporting. This was done, in the belief that the Bureau would function as when it was formed, but when it became known that permission had been received from Canton to put the new regulations into effect temporarily, the merchants, who had fulfilled their part of the contract, were quite naturally up in arms. The Bureau, however, continues to defy the Nanking orders and still appears to be pretty much a law unto itself.

The position at the moment is extremely unsatisfactory, and it will be interesting to see whether Nanking insists on its orders being obeyed. Aside, however, from this aspect of the question, there is the outstanding fact that the trade of this important port is being throttled by all manner of "squeeze" and irregular taxes. As we reported only a few days ago, yet another impost, the Parcels Post Tax, has just been instituted, and the consequence is that importers are fortunate if they get off with taxes of less than 15 per cent. If we add to this the burdens placed on goods inland as the result of other irregular taxes, we shall gain some idea of the baneful effects of this orgy of taxation. All these matters bear a close relation to the tariff problem, and inasmuch as even Canton and Nanking do not appear to be able to agree on the surtax question, we may well conjecture what is likely to happen if and when tariff autonomy is conceded.

Sino-Japanese Issues.

Though the Sino-Japanese conversations at Nanking are purely informal, Dr. Wang and Mr. Yada have already accomplished much of great value. Insurmountable obstacles appeared thickly distributed between the two countries, but by patient endeavour from both sides, the ground in most cases has been smoothed out, and the seeds of harmony planted. Already an understanding has been reached on several major points, though, as anticipated, a settlement of the Teinan Incident is presenting considerable difficulties. Nevertheless, both are to be congratulated on the progress made, and when official negotiations are opened, the task of the plenipotentiaries will be largely limited to settling the details of broad lines already laid down. Mr. Yada and Dr. Wang have spent many hours in discussion of the various problems, and it seems obvious that Japan's representative in Nanking is under instruction to meet China's wishes as far as possible. Dr. Wang, too, appears to have adopted a most conciliatory attitude, and the prospects of a complete understanding are, to quote his own words, highly hopeful. We think it safe to assume that the doubts in certain Chinese political circles of Baron Tanaka's sincerity may be dismissed as without foundation. The most ardent imperialist in Japan dare not flout public opinion to the extent alleged, and we suggest that Chinese politicians may view the Japanese attitude with complete complacency unless some definite action gives cause for apprehension. Meanwhile, we may offer congratulations to Dr. C. T. Wang. When he entered office as Foreign Minister of the National Government, his appointment was viewed with disfavour in many spheres. His activities in some directions, since have been much criticised, as for instance, the announcement of the abrogation of Commercial Treaties. In this, however, he has been pursuing a consistent policy, that of realising, at the earliest possible moment, China's aspirations. If he has been precipitate from the foreign point of view, his popularity among the Chinese has understandably increased. The least that can be said is that Dr. Wang has worked ably in the Nationalist cause, and that in negotiations with foreign diplomats, he has, contrary to early fears, been disposed to purchase friendship by concession.

DAY BY DAY.

THAT ONLY CAN WITH PROPERITY BE STYLED REFINEMENT WHICH, BY STRENGTHENING THE INTELLECT, PURIFIES THE MANNERS.—Coleridge.

The Ben Line s.s. Ben Nevis is due here from Home and Straits ports on Saturday.

The fourth of the series of articles on Men's Wear appears on our Sports Page to-day.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows two cases of smallpox and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

We have received a useful bridge-marker from the well-known firm of opticians, Messrs. N. Lazarus & Co.

The Land Investment Company has completed the construction of its new garage on the Peak. The building is an imposing one and should accommodate some thirty cars.

Miss Maude Royden will address two public meetings at the Theatre Royal next week. The subjects of her addresses are "Can we set the world in order?" "Patriotism and Internationalism."

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Company is closing the restaurant in Des Voeux Road, which is being moved to Mac's Cafeteria. The Land Investment Company, which owns the property, is not yet ready to announce its plans.

The ladies of the Wanchai Wesleyan Church are holding a sale of work at the Helena May Institute on November 7th at 3 p.m. in aid of the funds for the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Mrs. Southorn is to perform the opening ceremony.

A cook employed at No. 12, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, was arrested in Nathan Road, near Kimberley Road, yesterday carrying six pigeons in a crate which was too small for the purpose. When charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a fine of \$4 was imposed.

One week's formal remand was granted by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in the cases of the two Chinese banished who, at a previous hearing, claimed that they had been deported from Macao. The police intimated that enquiries would have to be made in the Portuguese Colony.

News has been received from Sydney of the death of Mrs. Nellie Macdonald, daughter of Mrs. Harman-Love, of the well-known Harman-Love's Circus. She first married Stan Bennett, the jockey, who rode in Muluya for many years, and who died in Calcutta. Later she married Jack Macdonald, of Sydney.

Passengers leaving on the Empress of Russia yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Bagram, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Davis, Mrs. R.M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Foster, Mr. H. Hale, Mr. H. Jackson, Mr. S. T. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maynard, Mr. G. D. Nicholl, Mr. G.H. Turnbull, Mr. J.A. Tarrant, Dr. T. K. Wong and Mr. J.D. Watt.

The death occurred on September 23rd of Lord Glenarthur, the head of Arthur & Co. (Export), Limited, the well-known firm of manufacturers and wholesale ware-housemen of Glasgow, London and Leeds. The firm was established nearly a century ago and has had a branch in Hongkong for the past fifty years which was formerly in charge of the late Mr. Alex. Mackenzie and is now directed by Mr. H. J. Lamb.

Service men gathered in large numbers at the "Cheer O' Y.M.C.A. last night when the first of the Wednesday concerts for the season was given. A programme of much excellence, arranged by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, was given and greatly enjoyed, those contributing being Miss P. Brown (soprano), Mr. Richards (duets and solos), Mrs. C. P. Marcel (soprano), Mr. W. A. Hannibal (humourist), and Mrs. Hargreaves Brown (accompanist).

On the occasion of their impending departure for Home, Messrs. A. Saint, A. Cook and C. Slade, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, were the recipients of presents from their colleagues at the Dockyard Recreation Club yesterday afternoon. Engineer Captain Mitchell made the presentations to Messrs. Saint and Slade, and Mr. Tickner, the Chief Constructor, handed a gift to Mr. Cook. The gifts were to Mr. Saint a scent spray and powder box (for Mrs. Saint) and a gold wrist watch; to Mr. Cook a gold watch; to Mr. Slade a 400 day clock, a set of teapots and a blackwood table. The presentations were made during the interval in a most enjoyable concert to which Messrs. Longyear, Crabb, C. Bennett, H. Beer, Turner and Hopper contributed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANTI-PIRACY MEASURES.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It seems to me that "H.J.M." makes too many (9) rules to bear in mind, and I think I can go one (or 7) better.

1. Don't send the ships to sea.
2. If you do, don't let them carry any cargo or passengers.
Either course should be a sure cure for piracy of any brand.—Yours, etc.,

BRAIN WAVE.

Hongkong, Oct. 24th, 1928.

Sir,—I rather like "H.J.M.'s" anti-piracy suggestions, but hasn't he forgotten hydraulic gear to operate his 8 inch steel doors, preferably under the direct control of a man in a bullet-proof crew's nest? And why stop at 8 inch plating? The hull of a ship is about 7/16 inch thick, and plating about 3/8 inch thick is bullet-proof. Perhaps I am not allowing

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was established as long ago as 1861?

Various nationalities were elected as members at the inaugural meeting, whilst the Committee chosen at the first annual meeting included Messrs. D. Delano (American), D. Nissen (German) and T. B. Buxey (Parsee).

The first President was Mr. Alex. Percival (Jardine, Matheson and Co.), Vice-President, Mr. W. Walkinshaw (Turner and Co.), and Secretary, Mr. J. Johnson.

The first member chosen to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council was Mr. (later Sir) Thomas Jackson, chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

sufficiently for the wonderful moral effect of his pill-box bridge, and scattered young forts. If, after all, his ship would not float, pontoons could always be fitted alongside.

His barbed wire gadget has been found wanting, and, as practical politics, his search suggestions are merely amusing. I suggest that "H.J.M." should concentrate on road building.

If ships were arranged so that officers' quarters, bridge, and engine room were always free from access by all classes of native passengers, and the vulnerable places on the bridge were protected by bullet-proof plating about 7/16 inch thick, there could be no piracy. In addition, it might be advantageous to carry a few British troops on cooie class ships. In a piracy, the wireless is merely a menace to the crew.

This would be somewhat elaborate. The simplest and a very effective safeguard, would be to carry about eight British troops quartered where they could not be surprised.—Yours, etc.,

LITTLE WILLIE.

Hongkong, Oct. 24th, 1928.

KOWLOON PUBLIC MORTUARY.

Sir,—The body of a foreigner believed to be the unfortunate seaman, who was missing since the 22nd inst from the s.s. President Jackson was recovered from the Harbour and conveyed to the Kowloon Mortuary and according to the news in the Press the corpse will be lying there until the 30th inst when the steamer returns from Manila for the purpose of identification.

If the s.s. President had left for U.S.A. instead would the corpse be left in the Mortuary until the return of this steamer scheduled to arrive here on the 31st December 1928? Is there any sense in keeping the body another 5 days before the order is given for burial?

I would like to know what are the provisions in the local Ordinance in regard to such cases. Is there no limit of time for burial of unknown corpses?

The highly offensive odour emanating from the Kowloon Mortuary causing in many cases nausea has been the subject of very unfavourable comment in the past. It is high time that the indignant taxpayers who reside in the vicinity of the Mortuary and those who make use of Waterloo Road to and from Ho Mun Tin and Kowloon Hospital moved in the matter. That the Mortuary should continue to remain in the present

The Very Idea!

"G.B.S." has been put out of countenance—literally. He has been staying at a hotel in Geneva, and was walking out of the dining room when an American woman rose abruptly as he was about to pass her and stood gazing fixedly at him. He drew up and returned the gaze with equal fixity, and the whole room watched the duel in silent suspense, wondering what would happen next. Shaw, however, gallantly ceded to his woman admirer, if such she was, dropped his eyes and with a bow proceeded on his way. "Well," said the American woman, "I won."

Whilst on a week-end walk (writes a correspondent to a Home paper) I came across the lines below affixed to a seat outside Hayes Church, Kent. Homely verse, perhaps, but appropriate, having regard to the thoughtlessness of many people when visiting beauty spots—

All friends who to this seat repair,
Rest and be thankful, but forbear
With sordid scraps the ground to strew,
Others rest here as well as you.
The paper that once held the sticky sweet,
The sandwiches, and the other things we eat,
The packets from which the cigarettes are fled,
Banana skins, tram tickets, white and red,
These scattered, spoil the beauty of all should share.
The basket waits, please think and place them there.

Wilkesden Woman: My husband is quite a wealthy man, he has 3,000 marks in Germany.

I was not acquainted with the men, but I knew their names by sight.—A witness at Mansfield.

Nottingham motor-cyclist, summoned for insufficient silence: I have been told that my machine makes a very nice noise!

It was not too bad and besides it was only to my husband—Wilkesden woman charged with using bad language.

Clerk at Tottenham: Any questions to ask the witness?

Defendant: Yes, he's a liar.
Clerk: That's not a question.
Defendant: No, but it's a fact.

Alec Jackson, the Huddersfield Town football player, tells a good golf story.

A Leeds United player who had never been on a golf course, went to see Jennings, his clubmate, play. After he had driven off, and the party was proceeding to follow the ball, he turned to the man who had come to watch him. "We shall want the sand-box," said he. And the man who was being initiated into the mysteries of golf picked up the sand-box and carried it to the next tee with the proud air of helping in the game. What he said when he got there can be left to the imagination.

An innovation in photographic manufacture is the production by Kodak Ltd. of the coloured camera. This break from the traditional black covering which has persisted for the last forty years is designed to appeal to women, who will now be able to carry a camera of a colour that will tone with their clothing. The new "Vanity Kodak" is bound in calf-skin leather in a variety of colours, and, contained in a calf-skin case of the same shade, looks like a handbag.

He was a Scot, and had got a "wae drapple to take home." Stowing the bottle away safely in his hip pocket he started homewards, but slipped and fell heavily. Picking himself up, and gently patting the snow off his clothes, he suddenly became conscious of something moist in his hip pocket region.

For the moment his heart stood still, then, with soulful emphasis, he breathed, "I hope it's blood."

site is nothing short of a public scandal. All mortuaries should be miles away from residential areas. The Sanitary Board Inspectors are not slow in seizing and condemning foodstuffs etc. unfit for human consumption but the Government should not lose sight of the fact that air is most essential to human life, therefore every step should be taken to prevent the air from being contaminated by putrefaction and or dead bodies in a high state of decomposition.

If Mr. J. P. Braga and the other energetic members of the Sanitary Board will press the Government to have all mortuaries removed from residential districts they will earn the gratitude of the community and—Yours, etc.,

Katepayer.

Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1928.

TINFOIL THEFT STORY.**THIEVES USE MOTOR-CAR TO MOVE METAL.****SOLD AT LOW PRICE.**

The case resulting from the theft from the Hop Yick factory at Causeway Bay, on Friday night, of several hundred pounds of tinfoil was today heard before Mr. R. E. Lindeell at the Central Magistracy. Of five men who were arrested after police investigations, three were charged with theft, while the two others, a metal dealer and his foki, were charged with receiving.

Evidence was taken today in the case against the alleged principal receiver, who, through his solicitor, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., had returned a plea of not guilty.

Instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, Mr. Lindeell appeared in the case to prosecute on behalf of the Hop Yick Company. As a first step, he applied for the release of the dealer's foki who he viewed as being only a subordinate to the dealer and as being used by the latter as a cat's paw. The foki would go into the box as King's evidence.

The foki was accordingly discharged.

Story of Theft.

After having secured an amendment to the original charge to the amount of a readjustment of the quantity and value of the stolen goods, Mr. Lo opened the case for the prosecution. He said that on Friday night, five tin bars, weighing 586½ pounds, kept in the yard of the Hop Yick Factory, at Whitfield Road, Causeway Bay, were stolen by the first three defendants who had pleaded guilty to the charge, and two other men who were not in custody, by means of a preconcerted scheme. The case against the alleged receiver—case against the fourth defendant in the case—would be that at about 4 a.m. he bought the metal after it was taken from the factory, well knowing its origin, and subsequently resold it to another party for twice as much as he had paid for it from the thieves.

Of course, the fourth defendant would be now saying that he had no guilty knowledge, but there would be direct evidence against him. The circumstances under which he bought and resold the goods were in themselves sufficient to show his guilty knowledge at the time of receiving them.

The complainant, Sui Lang, who is the manager and superintendent of works in the Hop Yick Factory, discovered the loss of the metal at 6.30 the following morning and immediately caused a report to be sent to the Bay View Police Station.

Metal Changes Form.

In consequence of that, a Sergeant and two Chinese detectives made investigations which led to the arrest of the prisoners, and recovered the metal, but in changed form, at Yau-mai where it had been resold to a marine goods dealer who would be proved to have received it in the first instance.

In order to help to a just appreciation of the commendable effort of the police officers working in the case, he would briefly describe the progressive steps by which the metal was stolen, sold and then resold and converted into its present form.

It would appear, at first sight, extraordinary that such heavy stuff could be removed from the factory and carted about without prompt detection on the spot, but the Hop Yick factory occupied a block of six houses on the hillside at Causeway Bay, facing the harbour in a secluded locality which was favourable for the purpose of the thieves. At the back of the factory were two doors which, Mr. Lo emphasised, could only be bolted and opened from the inside. Of the 200 work-people employed at the factory, some 90 men lived in the factory.

Workers Aid Thieves.

The robbery was carried out from within, and the moving spirits in the enterprise were Kan Wo, the first defendant, who was one of the workmen who had their sleeping quarters in the factory, and Kan Yan, the second defendant, who was a former foki employed in the machine room.

A little before midnight, Kan Wo lot in his friend, Kan Yan, and two other men who were lying in wait at the back of the factory. Before the two last men were admitted, Kan Wo, after letting in his friend through the sleeping quarters, had to climb down by a waste-pipe to get into the yard where the metal was kept. They opened one of the back-doors mentioned, carried the metal away and concealed it on the hillside while they went away to get a motor-car.

THE MOISEWITSCH RECITAL.**LAST NIGHT'S FINE MUSICAL TREAT.**

In writing of a pianoforte recital in Hongkong by such a world-famous artist as Benno Moiseiwitsch there is no need to attempt a technical musical description of the event, for one feels, after hearing last night's recital in the Theatre Royal, that it is sufficient to say that Moiseiwitsch played as superbly as a man with his great reputation was expected to play.

For many years, Moiseiwitsch has been counted as one of the world's greatest pianists—an artist who gives a beautifully fresh interpretation even to compositions that have been "done to death." And at the Theatre Royal last night one felt the artist's personality immediately. One was literally compelled to listen, and, in consequence, to enjoy beautiful music beautifully expressed.

Moiseiwitsch has been called "the poet of the piano," which is a phrase that aptly expresses the great beauty of his playing. In light, airy, pianissimo passages he possesses a delicacy of touch that is peculiarly subtle, and his interpretation of all shades and moods of pianoforte music is masterly.

Last night's recital was played on a new Grotrian-Steinweg piano, imported by the Anderson Music Company for the Helena May Institute, and it proved to be a very fine instrument. The programme opened with a short sonata by Scarlatti, following which came Beethoven's Sonata in C Major—the most important offering.

The second part of the programme consisted of a Chopin group—three studies, a waltz, a prelude and a scherzo—and proved to be a rare treat. Chopin is, to most people, the greatest of all pianoforte composers, being so understandable and captivating. The Etude in E Major is wholly charming, and Moiseiwitsch brought out all its power of appeal. The "Raindrop Prelude" was another fine treat, and the Scherzo in B Minor (in place of the Fantasia in F Minor) was greatly enjoyed.

The final part of the programme comprised varied offerings, beginning with Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Minor—a well-known and lovely composition. The "Clare de Lune" by Debussy; Cyril Scott's Russian Dance; two highly colourful compositions by Palmgren; and one of Liszt's rhapsodies made up the concluding group, every item being rapturously received by the audience. For sheer technique, Liszt's rhapsody is beyond the ability of most pianists, and the consummate skill with which Moiseiwitsch crushed out handfuls of notes earned for him a burst of enthusiastic applause. He very kindly obliged by giving as encore two Chopin waltzes.

The audience was not as large as it ought to have been, but possessed boundless appreciation. A final recital is being given on Saturday night, and there ought to be a packed house to hear one who is undoubtedly one of the greatest living pianists.

Metal Sold.

He was a foki of the fourth defendant, and went to fetch the metal to a hut and agreed to buy the metal, at the price of \$380, paid \$5 in advance and promised to turn over the balance in the morning. The men took the money and went back to their sleeping quarters.

At 6.30 the fourth defendant ordered his foki to take the goods across the harbour while he himself crossed in a ferry. They met at a marine goods dealer's shop in Yau-mai, where a sale was arranged with the dealer, the latter paying \$400, or about twice as much as the fourth defendant had paid for it. It was also understood that at this point, the fourth defendant stipulated that the metal should be melted and recast into another form before he parted with it.

Two detectives who were assigned to the case, on the receipt of the report of the theft at the Bay View Police Station, were successful to the point of being able to effect the arrest of the alleged receiver and of the principal culprit, and to recover the stolen metal, although now in a changed form.

His Worship sentenced the first and third defendants to two months' hard labour and the second defendant to three months' hard labour, on the charge of stealing the metal.

The case against the alleged receiver was remanded.

BUSINESS SCHEME FRUSTRATED?**AGENCY'S ALLEGED FAILURE TO LEASE PREMISES.****A CONTRACT DISPUTE.**

An effort to start in business as a dried goods dealer, after the concern had found a mirror dealer's trade unprofitable, was frustrated owing to an estate agency's failure to carry out a contract for leasing premises, according to a story told to Mr. Justice Jinks, in the Summary Court this morning.

The plaintiff, Cheung Wing-tung, 35 D'Aguiar Street, second floor, claimed from the Yee Leo Estate Agency, and Chu Kam-cho, 5, Duddell Street, rent collectors, for the sum of \$143.70. This included the return of \$47.50, rent paid in advance, \$56 advances to employees, \$50 deposit for furniture, and damages for breach of contract. The plaintiff alleged that he had a contract with the defendants to obtain possession of No. 437, Queen's Road West, where he intended to start business for which he made preparations, but he had been unable to start because the defendants had not turned the old tenant out of the premises.

Mr. D. L. Strellett conducted the case for the plaintiff and Mr. W. D. Owen defended.

Previous Failure.

Mr. Strellett, in explaining the circumstances, said the plaintiff was formerly a mirror-dealer but he had to give up that business because it was not profitable. With the idea of starting a new retail business in dried goods he looked round for premises and was recommended to the defendant agency, which was run by Chu Kam-cho.

The plaintiff interviewed Chu Kam-cho at the Duddell Street office on July 30, and after examining the premises he agreed to take the ground floor of the house in question at a monthly rental of \$47.50. Although there was at that time a tenant on the premises, the terms were that possession would be given on September 14 on a monthly tenancy basis.

Payment of a month's rent in advance was insisted upon by the defendant, and on July 31 the plaintiff paid the sum of \$47.50 in advance in return for which he was given a receipt.

Mr. Strellett remarked that the receipt had been sent to the Court translator, for an English copy to be certified, but the translator had fallen ill and the original receipt, with the English copy, was locked up in the safe. They had, however, a copy which was not certified.

Mr. Owen said that his client would admit the receipt.

In proof of the fact that there was a contract, Mr. Strellett referred to a letter written by his firm to the defendant, in reply to which a letter was received containing words admitting the contract.

Mr. Owen remarked that his client also admitted the original contract to lease the premises. It was further admitted, he said, that on September 14 the defendants were not in a position to give possession and that the old tenant was still in occupation.

Commenting that such admissions would considerably shorten the case, Mr. Strellett continued that on September 13 the plaintiff

FIRE AT REPULSE BAY.**OUTBREAK NEAR BEACH SOON QUELLED.**

At half-past five to-day, there were rumours current that a fire had broken out amongst the bathing sheds at Repulse Bay, but subsequent news showed that this was not the case.

What happened was that some of the dry grass and scrub near the beach, but not very close to any of the sheds, caught fire and caused quite a big blaze.

The Fire Brigade was notified, and two engines were sent out. These quickly suppressed the outbreak.

Shown at the Queen's Theatre for the first time yesterday, "The Student Prince" fulfils the high expectations which had been formed of it, as regards general excellence of production and the acting of the cast. The story, which is somewhat out of the ordinary, deals with the love of a Prince for a peasant maid, the respective atmospheres of both stations in life being strikingly contrasted to bring out the full romance of a tender love.

Ramon Navarro is the Prince, and Norma Shearer the peasant maid, and both have a high conception of their respective roles. Jean Hersholt appears as the Prince's tutor, with excellent effect. "The Student Prince" is being shown till Saturday.

visited the premises, but found that they were still occupied by the old tenant. As a result, he went to see the defendant to ask for an explanation, when he was told that they could not give him possession on September 14. When asked for a definite date the reply was they could not give a definite date. It would appear that the defendants took the risk of getting the sitting tenant out before the 14th, and failed.

Dealing with the expenses incurred by the plaintiff, Mr. Strellett went on to say that he first of all paid a month's rent in advance. He also travelled about, in the course of which he went to Kowloon to engage shop assistants, advancing money to them to the amount of \$55. In addition he ordered furniture to the extent of \$135, for which he paid a deposit of \$50. When he was unable to take the furniture, owing to the fact that he was not able to gain possession of the premises, he had to forfeit the \$50 deposit.

Contract Cancelled.

The defence, as put in cross-examination by Mr. Owen, was generally to the effect that on August 12 the plaintiff visited the defendants saying he did not want the premises and asking for the contract to be cancelled. The defendants agreed to do so provided the plaintiff was willing to forfeit the money paid in advance. This the plaintiff said he would do and the contract was accordingly cancelled.

This was denied by the plaintiff and was described by Mr. Strellett as "unreal." He pointed out that if the defence was a true story, the plaintiff had cancelled the contract more than a month after it was made and about a month before he was to enter into possession.

The case is proceeding.

ONE-SIDED POLICY OF COMPRADORES.**WILL SHARE PROFITS BUT NOT LOSSES.****SHANGHAI COMPLAINT.**

Condemning the business policy of some compradores in foreign houses here whom he declared were always glad of a share in the profits but would leave the losses to be borne entirely by their foreign employers, Dr. F. Wilhelm, counsel for Glathe and Witt, a German firm of importers and exporters of 100 Szechuan Road, asked the Provisional Court in Shanghai last week to dismiss a claim brought against his clients by a former comprador who filed suit to cover Tls. 3,106 with interest, representing his alleged unpaid commissions.

Glathe and Witt also brought a counter-claim against the plaintiff for Tls. 3,104, representing the alleged extent of losses sustained through non-fulfilment of contract on the part of dealers introduced by the comprador. They held that the losses were far in excess of the commissions due.

Compradores Denounced.

Dr. Wilhelm denounced the attitude of compradores in the employ of foreign firms and declared that they amassed their fortunes with the minimum of risk by demanding a share of the profits and refusing to assume responsibility over all business secured by them. In any business, counsel pointed out, all parties, willing to accept a profit should also be willing to stand a part of the loss. The foreign firm, he said, must pay all the overhead expenses, while the comprador gets his commissions on the gross profits of the firm.

In this case, Dr. Wilhelm said, the comprador was connected with the firm for four years and would not have stayed that length of time if there was no money to be made. He gladly took his share of the profits and should be held responsible for the losses according to the comprador agreement, the attorney asserted.

The Claim.

According to his petition, the comprador alleged that he was engaged in June, 1924, as comprador for H. C. Augustesen China Trade Co., which was subsequently liquidated and taken over by Glathe and Witt. Under his agreement with the defunct company, whose obligations the new firm assumed responsibility for in September, 1927, he was to receive commissions on sales and was held responsible for 25 per cent. of losses incurred by the company through the bankruptcy of his Chinese clients. He informed his employers that the losses they mentioned were derived from non-fulfilment of contract on the part of bankrupt firms. Dr. Wilhelm contended that firms which are closed without the due processes of the bankruptcy courts cannot be legally described as bankrupt.

After further argument the case was adjourned for a week to enable the contending parties to file their briefs.

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Lisbon	107 1/2
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Shanghai	27 1/2
Yokohama	111 1/2
New York	4.85
Geneva	25.20
Milan	62.60
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	18.19
Prague	163 1/2
Madrid	80.125
Bombay	375
Athens	5.29/32
Rio	Hollday
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	23.11/16
Silver (forward)	23.13/16

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NOT IDENTIFIED YET.**FOREIGNER'S BODY FOUND IN HARBOUR.**

In regard to the body of a foreigner found in the Harbour yesterday, which is thought to be that of an Irish-American named Lawrence C. O'Sullivan, of the President Jackson, the police have not been able definitely to establish the identity of the man, owing to the departure of the President Jackson for Manila on Tuesday.

The steamer is expected to be back here again on Monday morning and until then, it is thought, nothing definite can be said as to the dead man's identity.

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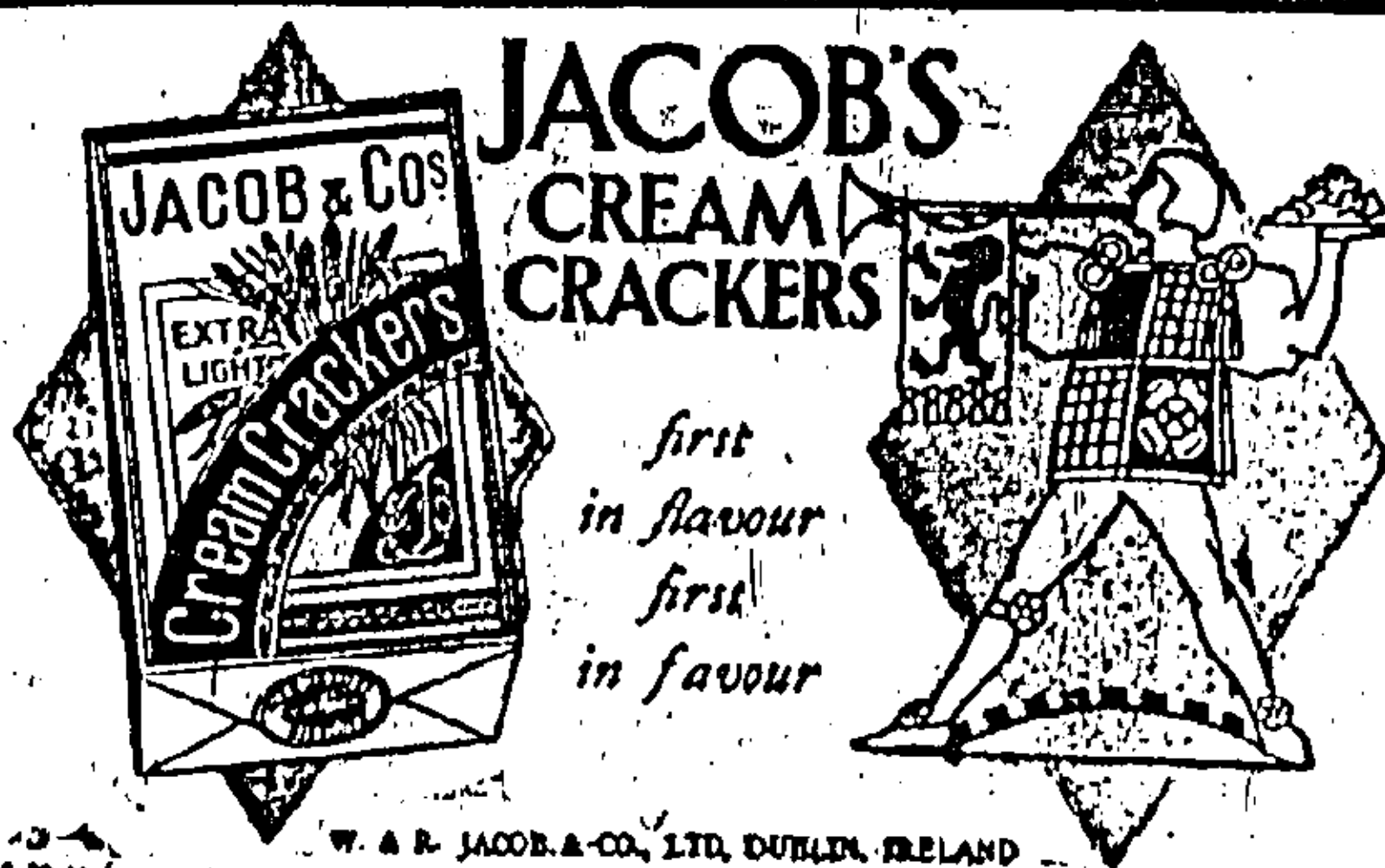
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SHAMEEN LAWN TENNIS.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES AND HONG DOUBLES.

The results of the first round in
the Men's Handicap Doubles of the
Shameen Lawn Tennis Club are as
follows:

Mr. Platt and Mr. A. E. Pritchard
(-30) bye.

Mr. A. T. Lay and Mr. J. Rodger
(-50) defeated Mr. M. Gavin and
Mr. A. Giovanoli (+15) 6/3, 5/7,
6/4.

Mr. G. Woudenberg and Mr. D.
Latimer (+15) walk-over over
Mr. Sumner and Mr. Larsen (-30);
who scratched.

Mr. Bonbright and Mr. Walcott
(-140), defeated Mr. Benson and
Mr. J. Linaker (scratch), 7/5, 6/4.

Mr. J. Mareschall and Mr. F. E.
W. Lammert (-140) defeated Mr.
L. A. Jeeves and Mr. Buxton (-15)
4/6, 6/3, 6/0.

Mr. M. A. Annett and Mr. F.
Gandossi (-15) defeated Mr. J.
Krabbe and M. Brennwald
(scratch) 6/2, 6/3.

Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe and Mr. L. B.
Wood (+15) defeated Mr. W. R.
Farmer and Mr. V. E. C. Ferrier
(-15) 6/4, 6/4.

Mr. W. F. Gilman and Mr. K.
Neckelman (+15) defeated Mr.
C. E. Watson and Captain G. A.
Clements (-30) 6/3, 6/2.

Hong Doubles.

The second round of the Hong
Doubles being now completed, the
following are in the semi-finals:

The United States Consulate-
General (Mr. Stanton and Mr. Bon-
bright) by defeating the Asiatic
Petroleum Company (Mr. A. E.
Pritchard and Mr. Platt) 6/3, 6/3.

The Shamene Municipal Council
(Mr. C. E. Watson and Captain G. A.
Clements) by obtaining a walk-
over from the Chinese Maritime
Customs, who scratched.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire
(Mr. H. G. Eales and Mr. A. E.
Arnold) by defeating the Northern
Penarth Works, Ltd. (Mr. K.
Neckelman and Mr. J. Krabbe) 6/2,
6/2.

Messrs. Gerin, Drevard & Co.
(Mr. J. Baud and Mr. V. E. C. Fer-
rier) by defeating Messrs. Dea-
con & Co. Ltd. (Mr. R. K. Batche-
lor and Mr. L. B. Wood) 6/0, 4/6,
6/4.—Our Own Correspondent.

SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH.

POLICE TEAM'S INTERPORT PRACTICE.

As announced yesterday, the
Police have arranged for a practice
game to be played on the Hongkong
Football Club ground on Sunday
afternoon in preparation for the
Interport with the Shanghai Police
in February.

The Police team for Sunday's
game is as follows: MacLardy;
Wynne and Hooper; Hudson;
Stewart and Jessop; Pile, Mc
Greavy, Fraser, Shepherd and Ho-
warth. Reserve: Brittain.

The match is timed to start at
4.30 p.m. Mr. W. E. Hollands, Hon.
Secretary of the Football Associa-
tion will referee.

BOY SCOUT AQUATICS.

The Hongkong branch of the Boy
Scout Association is holding its
annual swimming sports at the
V.R.C. baths on Saturday, com-
mencing at 8.30 p.m.

VETERAN WINS THE HARBOUR SWIM.

C. J. COOKE COMPLETES THE "HAT TRICK."

C. J. Cooke, the veteran swim-
mer, won the cross-harbour race
last evening for the third year in
succession, after a strenuous swim
in which his experience and fine
judgment of the set of the tides
gave him a considerable advantage
over younger swimmers. He thus
set up a fine record for stamina,
his first successful attempt having
been made as far back as 1909.

At the start, made from the Rail-
way Pier at Kowloon, the 28 con-
testants were bunched together,
and it was difficult to distinguish
the leaders until, reacting to the
tides, the men spread out fan-wise.
They then divided up into groups,
each having its own separate idea
as to making the best of a difficult
course.

C. J. Cooke and L. Roza Pereira,
who had kept together for the
greater part of the course, now
separated, with Cooke
well in the front position although
he appeared to be making too wide
a detour for home. However, his
judgment was vindicated, and he
finished strongly with 30 yards to
spare over Pereira, who was unable
to make up leeway in spite of a
somewhat tardy start near the
finish. A Chinese swimmer, Chan
Chan-hing, was third.

Yesterday's Times.

The first fifteen competitors to com-
plete the course yesterday were as
follows:

	Mins.	Secs.
1. C. J. Cooke	23	35 8/5
2. L. Roza Pereira	24	22 2/5
3. Chan Chan-hing	26	12 2/5
4. John Fant	26	42
5. L. C. Finlayson	27	01 1/5
6. S. V. Gittins	27	36
7. Leung Yuen-wah	29	31
8. Yung Yuen-wah		
9. Pto. Faulkner		
10. E. de Rosa		
11. H. M. Remedios		
12. W. F. Kerr		
13. S. H. Soelima		
14. Private Jordan		
15. Lau Ming-on		

Only seven swimmers completed the
distance under the half hour.

The Records.

The records of the V.R.C. show
that besides C. J. Cooke two other
swimmers had won the Harbour event
three years in succession, these being
J. C. Finch and J. R. Johnston.
Cooke, however, is the only competi-
tor who has won the event more than
three times. He has won it five times
in all, as will be seen from the follow-
ing list of winners:

	Mins.	Secs.
1906 Gr. Brotherton	27	42 4/5
1907 A. E. Thomas		
H.M.S. Tamar	28	50 4/5
1908 "	28	50 4/5
1909 O. J. Cooke	29	25 2/5
1910 T. Logan	29	58 2/5
1911 "	33	16 2/5
1912 Br. Nutty, R.G.A.	34	8 2/5
1913 J. C. Finch	22	26
1916 "	23	24
1917 "	25	30
1918 A. Logan	29	13
1919 J. R. Johnston	27	—
1920 "	23	53 1/5
1921 "	26	53
1922 D. Lyon	26	47 2/5
1923 "	27	49
1924 C. J. Cooke	26	11 4/5
1925 A. May	28	14 3/5
1926 C. J. Cooke	26	10 1/5
1927 "	23	17 3/5
1928 "	23	35 3/5

The prize distribution in connexion
with the Harbour races and the
V.R.C. annual sports will be held at
a later date, this being necessitated by
the fact that many of the prize win-
ners were not in the club premises last
evening. (The date will be announced
in the local papers.)

LEAGUE CRICKET.

SENIOR & JUNIOR MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the
Indian Recreation Club in a league
match against the Hongkong Cricket
Club on Saturday, at 2 p.m., at the
H.K.C.C. grounds: A. el Arculi, J. S.
Achber, J. S. Curran, A. H. Maday,
S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, S. H. Ismail,
A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, A. S. Sufiad
and A. H. Rumbhah (Capt.).

C.R.C. Team for Saturday Next.

The following will represent the
Chinese Recreation Club in their
match against the Craigengower C.
C. at Causeway Bay on Saturday—
H. Ching, C. Chan, H. Hung, H. G.
Hung, W. C. Hung, W. H. Kyau, Ng
Sze-kwong, W. H. Sling, Taut Wai-
pul, T. H. Yeoh and J. L. Youngsaya.
H. K. Electric v University.

The following will represent the
Hongkong Electric Recreation Club
in a league match against the Hong-
kong University 2nd XI at Pokfulam
on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp: H. F.
Akehurst, S. C. Banks, J. O. Dunbar,
C. E. Gahagan, H. S. Jones, W. N. H.
Murdock, W. B. Muskett, F. Norming-
ton, A. P. Paul, G. G. Thomson, and
J. R. Way (Captain). Reserves:
G. T. Pudgett, and S. J. Clarke.

MARINE COURT.

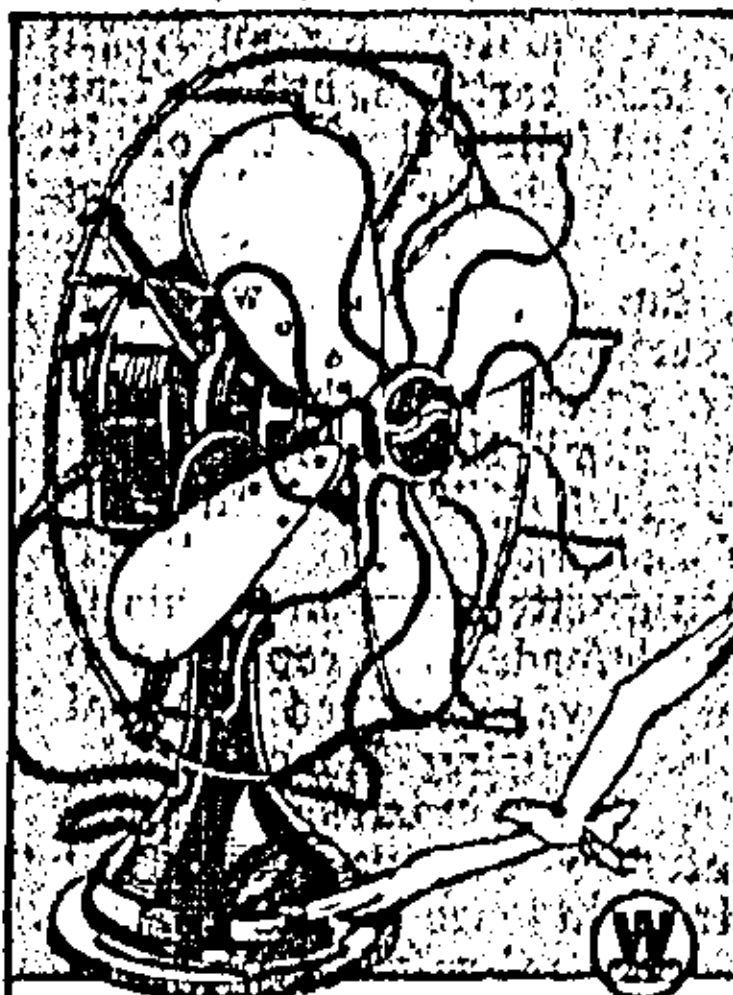
MINOR CASES DEALT WITH TO-DAY.

Minor cases of breaches of Har-
bour Regulations were heard at the
Marine Court this morning,
before Commr. J. B. Newell,
D.S.O., R.N., the defendants in all
cases pleading guilty and being
fined.

The master of a cargo boat was
charged with mooring his craft in
such a manner as to obstruct
the Government Slipway at Yau-
matli. He pleaded that the owner
had instructed him to proceed there
to load. The fine was \$10, with the
alternative of 10 days' imprison-
ment.

The same fine and alternative
were inflicted in the cases of eight
trading junk masters and mis-
tresses for lying their craft in-
shore during dark hours.

The master of a fishing boat,
charged with failing to take out a
licence at Tai O on arrival from
Haiphong, stated that he had no
knowledge of local rules and was
without money to pay for the
licence even had he known. A
fine of \$5.00, the doubled licence
fee, was inflicted, with the alter-
native of seven days' imprison-
ment. The accused was unable to
pay the fine and was sent to goal.



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4.—PLUS FOURS.

(By Scribe)

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clothes—don't shatter the effect.

I see men about, too, in their thin soled pointed
shoes and plus fours, that is hopelessly wrong. Effect
a compromise if you like, and buy a pair of lightly
brogued shoes that will go well with either plus four or
lounge suit.

Many men have an odd pair of "plus fours"—a
good idea too. They may be made of Flannel of any
colour or some patterned material such as Linon, Palm
Beach, or similar weight cloth, making a good "in
between" season garment.

Pull-overs or button sweaters look best if they
tone with the cloth of the suit. Avoid any vivid clash
of colour.

The "flash" or woollen tassel garter, seems to be
going out of fashion, this will give the average man a
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ness of winding wool round the leg always seemed to me
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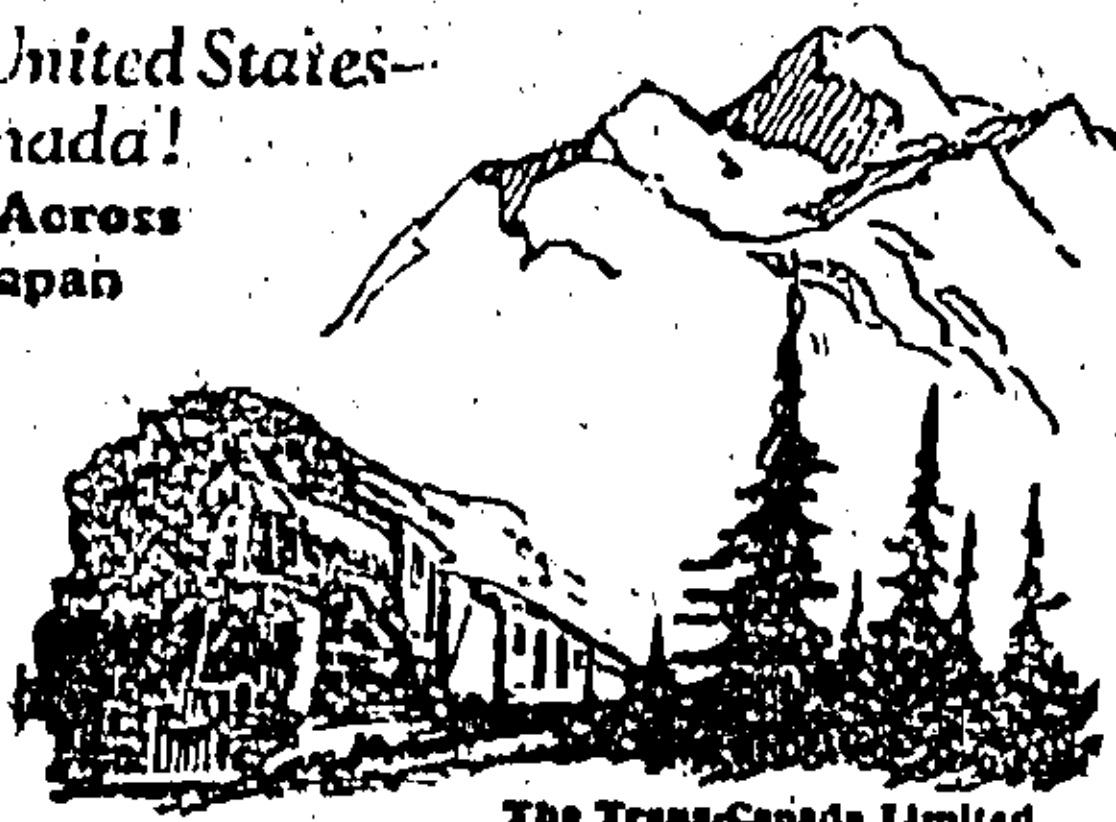
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THE TROOPING SEASON

DORSETSHIRE ARRIVES WITH THE ROYAL SCOTS.

The first transport of the present
trooping season, the s.s. Dorsetshire,
arrived in Hongkong early yesterday
morning and sailed for Shanghai
later in the day. The vessel left
Southampton on September 18 with
drafts from Home for Hongkong,
Shanghai and Tientsin. At Suez she
picked up the 2nd Battalion Royal
Scots, who are destined for Tientsin
to relieve the 1st East Yorks.

A few details were disembarked
from the Dorsetshire yesterday in
Hongkong, the other drafts and the
Royal Scots, together with their
families, going through to the North.
The Dorsetshire will call at Shang-
hai on Saturday and will then pro-
ceed to Chiuwangtan, where the
Royal Scots will be disembarked.
The transport will have there on
November 5 with the 1st Battalion,
East Yorkshire Regiment on board
and will call at Hongkong again on
November 12.

On the homeward trip she will call
at Colombo, Bombay and Gibraltar,
the East Yorks being disembarked
at Bombay for further foreign ser-
vice in India. Details from Tientsin
and Shanghai will go through to
Southampton and other details will
go through from Hongkong to Cey-
lon and Gibraltar.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

SIXTY CASUALTIES AT LAHORE.

Lahore, Oct. 24.
The casualty roll from the bomb
explosion is now sixty, including
six dead. No arrests have been
made.

Investigation showed that the
bomb was hurled into the crowd
from the wall of the fort, the as-
sailant escaping behind the ram-
parts.

Business in the city is normal.—
Reuter.

ANOTHER FIRE AT PORTUMNA.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BURNING UP.

Dublin, Oct. 24.
Communications with Portumna
suddenly ceased last night after
isolated urgent calls for help had
been received at Athlone,
Limerick.

It is now learnt that great fire
is consuming the technical schools
in which Princess Mary displayed
great interest in the course of
Viscount Lascelles's recent visit
and is threatening other buildings,
including a convent.

Civic Guards rushed to the
scene from neighbouring towns
and a military fire brigade was
sent from Athlone.—Reuter.



People who can't stand surf-
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CONSTABLE FINED.

ASKED FOR TEN CENTS FROM COOLIE.

An Indian constable attached to
the Water Police Station appeared
before Mr. W. Schofield at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on
a charge of misconducting himself
by attempting to obtain ten cents
from a richa coolie during the
early hours of the morning. Mr.
L. H. C. Calhoun (Assistant
Superintendent of Police), pro-
secuted.

The defendant denied the
charge.
Sergeant Moroton gave evidence
that he was returning from patrol
at about 3 a.m. yesterday and while
proceeding up the slope of the
Water Police Station hill, he heard
the defendant sneaking to a richa
coolie. Witness looked over the
wall and heard the defendant
ask for ten cents.

The richa coolie gave cor-
roborative evidence, stating that
the constable first asked for his
licence and then asked for ten
cents.
The defendant was convicted
and fined \$100 or six weeks' hard
labour in default.

MANCHURIA'S DECISION.

NATIONAL FLAG TO BE RAISED IN NOVEMBER.

Shanghai, Oct. 24.
According to the Kuo Min News
Agency's Peking Correspondent
Chiang Kai-shek's representative
in Mukden, Fang Peng-jen, has
telegraphed to the effect that sub-
sequent to negotiations between
Yeh Chi and Chang Hsueh-liang
all the Fengtien forces within the
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The junk left Hongkong with two watchers, went on shore on the 30th, which port was safely reached and the freight landed. After the work of discharging was completed, the crew, with the exception of two watchers, went on shore on the evening of October 31. Shortly after the crew's departure, a small boat pulled alongside the junk and six men, all armed, seized the

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
CITY, CITE, COTE, CORE, CORK, FORK, FOLK.

two watchers and sailed away. Luckily, the master of the junk had taken the precaution of landing his armament and the pirates had a poor haul, there being neither cargo nor valuables on board. Subsequently negotiations for the return of the junk were made through an intermediary, and the vessel was rendered back to the master on payment of \$250. The two members of the crew who were taken prisoner were also released unharmed, it is understood.

CONTRACT DISPUTE.

TROUBLE OVER WEEK ON THE SHINYO MARU.

The case in which Kwok Yee is claiming against Li Ming for \$263, being the balance due for work done on board the s.s. Shinyo Maru, was again before Mr. Justice Jackson in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, when the story for the defence was heard.

According to the plaintiff, who is represented by Mr. W. D. Owen, certain work was sub-contracted to him by Li Ming. The work to be done was to scrape and paint the coal bunkers, tank tops and bilges, scrape and burn the paint off a deck house and repaint the hull, at a total cost of \$768. He admits having received \$505.

The defendant's case is that he received the contract from another man, Tok Kee, and sub-let a part of it to the plaintiff. The plaintiff failed to scrape and paint the tank tops and bilges and he also destroyed electric wires in the deck house. Owing to this unsatisfactory and uncompleted work Tok Kee deducted two sums, one of \$170 for the uncompleted work and \$139.40 for the damage to the electric wires, from his (Li Ming's) account. Li Ming counter-claims against the plaintiff for \$278 being the price of work not done satisfactorily.

Mr. A. el Arculli is conducting the case for the defendant.

Sub-let To Plaintiff.

The case for the plaintiff having been concluded at the last hearing, the defendant gave evidence yesterday afternoon. He said that on July 3, this year, he did certain work on the Shinyo Maru, having been given the work by Tok Kee, of which he sub-let a part to the plaintiff.

Work to be done by the plaintiff was to scrape and burn off paint from two coal bunkers and, having done so, to paint them with two layers of paint. He was also to do the same with tank tops and bilges underneath the bunkers, the price for that job being \$610. In addition he was to scrape and burn off the paint on a deck house on "B" deck at a cost of \$70. The last item of the work was to repaint the hull for the sum of \$84.

After stating he told the plaintiff that the work was to be done to the satisfaction of Tok Kee, the principal contractor, defendant said that the work was not properly done. The tank tops and bilges were not touched. When he asked the plaintiff about it the reply was that he had no time to do it.

For failure to do that work Tok Kee deducted \$170 from his (defendant's) account.

Wires Burnt.

Continuing, the defendant said that the deck house was properly done but the workmen had burnt electric wires, rendering them useless and necessitating a new set. That was brought to the notice of Tok Kee and also the Chief Engineer of the ship. A new set of wires was paid for by Tok Kee, who made another deduction from the defendant's money of \$139.40, to cover that expense.

Mr. Arculli: You claim to have paid the plaintiff \$40.30 for which no credit was given?—That is true. I was not then aware that

LOCAL FIRM'S ACTION.

NORWEGIAN CONSUL'S PROTEST IN SHANGHAI.

A strong protest was registered by the Norwegian Consular Representative at the Provisional Court against further delay in the case brought by Karsten Larsen and Co. (Hongkong), Ltd., a Norwegian shipping firm, against Dah Oo and Company and Ling Tshing-sung, its manager, for \$9,500 balance alleged to be due to plaintiffs for the charter of their vessel the s.s. Mondego, hired by the defendants for three months at the rate of \$7,500 per month.

Attorney Arne Sorensen, representing the plaintiffs, in his petition set forth that the Mondego was chartered by the defendants on May 26 of this year. The first month's hire was paid but the defendants failed to pay \$2,000 of the second month's charges and all of the third month for which the vessel was hired.

In protesting against the further adjournment order by Judge Hsu, Mr. G. Johnson, Norwegian Consular Representative, said: "I must as strong as I can object against a new adjournment of this case which is quite clear. The answers from the defendants have only been brought forward in the Court to-day, but ought to have been filed at the first hearing on October 5."

"Judgment in the case ought to be given without further delay."

Plaintiff, in addition to the \$9,500 hire charges, claims interest and costs.

Tok Kee was going to deduct so much money.

As proof of payment that he had paid that sum, in view of the plaintiff's denial, the defendant produced a list of payments, including the one in question.

Mr. Arculli: The plaintiff alleges it was no part of his contract that he should do these tank tops and bilges.—It was most important that he should do this work.

Meaning of "All Right."

He further says that on July 9 he went round with yourself, Tok Kee and the officers of the ship when you said that the work was "all right."—The words "All right" were applied only to that work they had done as far as the bunkers were concerned. It did not apply to the bilges and the tank tops.

Replying to further questions, defendant said that the tank tops and bilges were pointed out to Tok Kee by the Chief Engineer. "Tok Kee then turned to me and asked me about them but I could not say anything and kept quiet."

Tok Kee, said the defendant, spoke to the plaintiff about it, but he replied that he had not the time to do it.

After the ship sailed the plaintiff had often visited him (defendant) urging that they go to Tok Kee to try and persuade him to make smaller reductions.

After evidence in support of the defendant's story had been given by Tok Kee, the case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

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BUBONIC PLAGUE.

SERIOUS OUTBREAKS IN SHANSI.

Peking, Oct. 24.

While Mukden reports indicate that bubonic plague in Manchuria is subsiding, only fifteen fresh cases being reported between the 5th and 15th inst. there are reports of serious outbreaks in Shansi. Official circles state that the deaths in Fenchow now number thirty, while the tugging of Suaiyuan telegraphs to Peking reporting a severe outbreak in the villages near Paotowchen. Over 100 deaths have already been recorded.

Chinese doctors have been sent to both areas, which as far as possible have been isolated.

Chinese sources in Taiyuanfu also report an outbreak there of a "sort of yellow plague" which is rapidly spreading but without fatal effects.—Reuter.

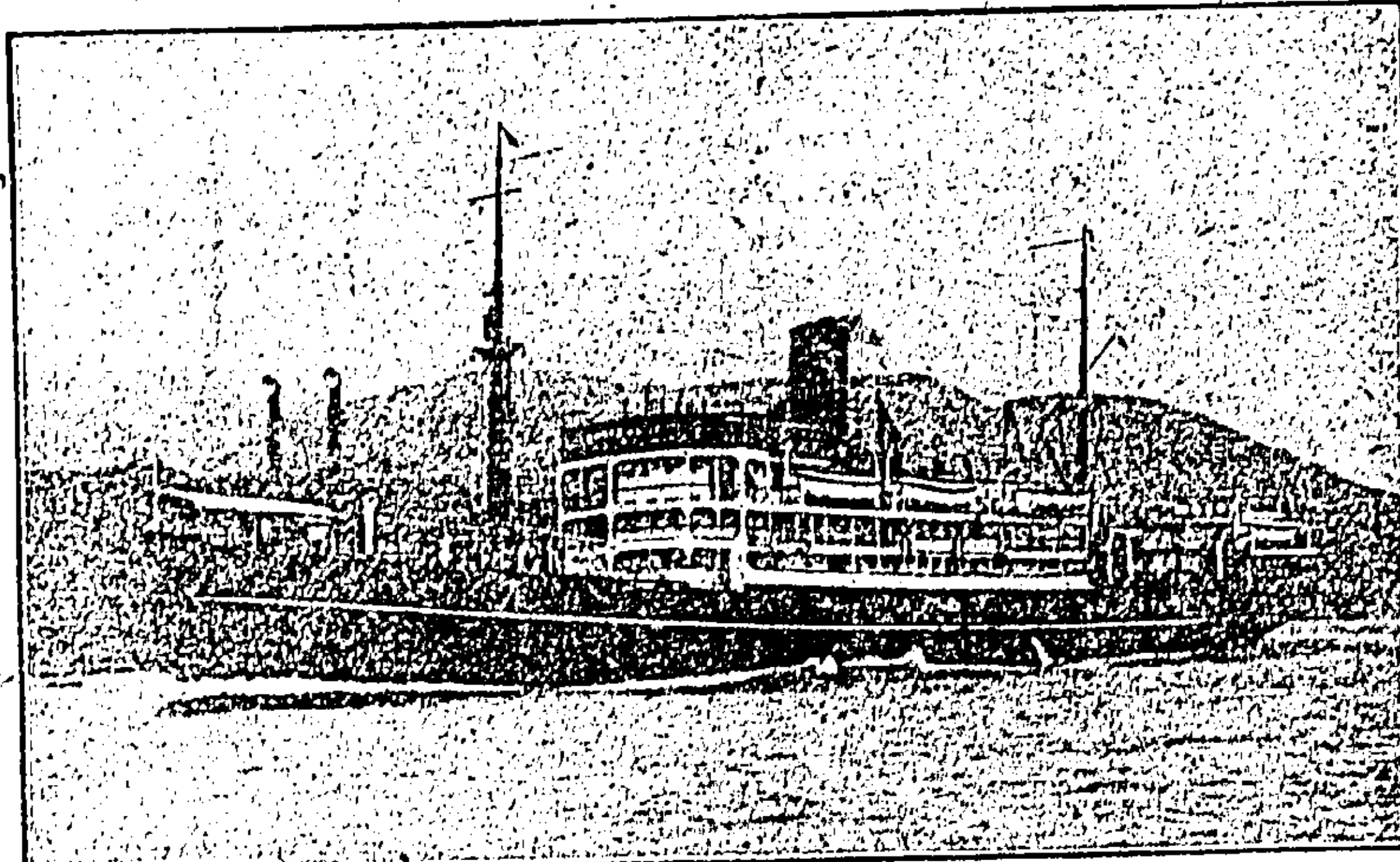
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BIG ARMS SEIZURE IN SHANGHAI.

FIELD-GUNS & SHELLS FROM A LAUNCH.

LICENCE EXCEEDED.

Shanghai, Oct. 25.
A rather remarkable seizure of arms was made by the Chinese authorities to-day, but it is not yet clear whether the detention has any importance or not.

It appears that a steam-launch was more or less openly moving a large quantity of arms and ammunition when officials of the Shanghai Defence Commissioner's Department appeared on the scene and seized the consignment.

The haul includes not only a large number of rifles, with appropriate ammunition, but four field-guns in parts, with 32 cases of shells and a quantity of dynamite. A point of interest is the fact that an officer attached to the 25th Division of the Nationalist Army was in charge of the transportation, and for this reason, it is doubtful whether the seizure will be upheld.

It seems that the amount of the consignment vastly exceeded that stated in the transport licence, and this accounts for the detention.

The Defence Commissioner, it is understood, has reported the incident to the Military Council in Nanking, asking for instructions.—*Nam Ching Pao.*

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SUSPECTED FOKI PROVES VERY HONEST.

Some ten days ago, the machinery of the law was set in motion in a search for a *foki* of the Wah Tung Native Bank, who, according to a report made to the police by the manager of the Bank, had absconded with \$25,000.

It was then stated that while the master of the Bank was away, his *foki* took the opportunity to steal the money and make his escape before the master's return.

The Bank were surprised to learn therefore that a sum of \$25,000 had been deposited with their branch office at San Cheong, in the Toi Shan district, by the very *foki* who was supposed to have absconded with the money.

A report to the effect that the money had been recovered was made to the police yesterday and the explanation given was that the manager, on returning to the Bank after an absence of several hours, was panic-stricken when his *foki* was missing and the \$25,000 had not been accounted for.

What really took place was that the *foki*, not wishing to trust anyone else with such a large sum personally took the money to the branch in San Cheong but forgot to notify the manager of his intention.

LOW WATER IN DELTA.

CAUSES DELAY TO RIVER BOATS.

Owing to the low rainfall during the summer, water in the Canton Delta has already fallen to a point which in previous years had not been reached until December. In consequence, most of the river steamers are arriving late, with adverse tides adding to the delay.

The Lungshan, from Canton, was not berthed until 2 o'clock this morning, while other vessels on the run also had slow passages and were compelled to anchor for varying periods, one ship not reaching her wharf until 3.30 a.m.

West River traffic is no better, some medium-draft ships being already on the mud with normal tides. It is anticipated that the next few months will record more than the average number of groundings for the low-water season.

FRESH MONSOON.

The Royal Observatory reports that a belt of high pressure extends from the lower Yangtze Valley to the East of Japan.

The typhoon appears to be nearly stationary about 250 miles east-south-east of Manila. Moderate to fresh monsoon will continue along the South-East Coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; fine.

The Naval Armament Supply Officer announces that a quantity of fireworks will be discharged for proof purposes at Stonecutters Rifle range during to-morrow afternoon.

JAPANESE VIEW OF TREATY PROBLEM.

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MR. YADA & DR. WANG.

ARTICLE 26 DROPPED?

Shanghai, Oct. 25.
Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul-General, arrived in Shanghai this morning.

Later.
The report that Mr. Yada had arrived in Shanghai turns out to be incorrect. He is still in Nanking, where it is understood that a further meeting with Dr. C. T. Wang on Sino-Japanese questions will be held to-day.—*Reuter.*

It is officially stated that excellent progress in the negotiations is still being made.

On the tariff and treaty revision problems, Mr. Yada has intimated that the Japanese Government will not insist on a strict interpretation of Article 26 of the present Commercial Treaty.

An understanding has been reached regarding the Tsinan Incident, providing for the setting up of a Commission which will enquire into the cause of the trouble, and into the nature of the loss in lives and property.

The Nanking Incident will be settled on much the same lines as the agreements with Britain and America.—*Nam Ching Pao.*

Chinese reports from Shanghai quote the Japanese Minister, Mr. Yoshizawa, as saying that if the Tsinan Incident is to be speedily settled, both sides will have to make concessions.

Mr. Yoshizawa is also credited with saying that he has suggested to his Government that Japan should agree to the abolition of extra-territoriality.

BIG KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.

MAY INTERFERE WITH NEW GOVERNMENT.

POLITICAL PROBLEM.

Shanghai, Oct. 24.
Interviewed by Chinese journalists in Nanking, Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of Railways, declared that the Nationalist leaders have decided that the Third Kuomintang Delegates' Congress is to take place on January 1st, 1929.

This declaration is considered to be significant as it is understood that whilst the highest Government authorities are the Central Executive Committee and the Central Political Council, if there are disputes which these cannot settle, they are to be submitted to the Kuomintang Delegates' Congress, the decision of which will be final. In other words, this Congress is higher than the C.E.C. and the Central Political Council, and undoubtedly higher than the newly-established five Yuans.

It is believed that if the sponsors of this Congress, including Mr. Sun Fo, can overcome opposition and call the Congress for the beginning of the year, a number of important resolutions may be passed dealing with reconstruction works. The Congress may even reorganise the present Nationalist Government.

In the same interview, Mr. Sun Fo stated that all the leaders of the Administrative Yuan will take the oath of office to-morrow (Thursday) and the inauguration ceremony of the Yuan will also take place. The Legislative Yuan will be inaugurated on Tuesday, the leaders having decided that the Legislative Committee shall consist of 9 members.

RETURN OF MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

ONLY A BRIEF STAY IN CANTON.

Shanghai, Oct. 24.
With regard to the return of Marshal Li Chai-sum to Canton, his trip will be a very brief one, as he has decided to go back to Nanking after a short stay in South China. It is thought that as Chief-of-Staff, he will stay permanently in Nanking.

Temporarily, however, Marshal Li will act concurrently as Chairman of the Southern Government and of the Canton Branch Political Council, until the formal abolition of the latter at the end of the year.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 15 departures, of which four and seven were British, leaving 55 vessels in port, British 18. Freighters were again low, with 13 inward of which four were of four figures and eight thorough, of which only two were of four figures. The total of British cargoes under both headings was less than 4,000 tons, with Japanese recording the high registries and one American entering in ballast.

LONDON-BRIGHTON SPEEDWAY.

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WONDERFUL PROJECT.

London, Oct. 24.
The Brighton Town Council has signified its approval of the proposal to construct a motor road speedway between London and Brighton.

All that is necessary before construction can begin is that a special Bill be passed by Parliament and the necessary financial arrangements be made. The cost is estimated at £3,000,000.

The object of the road is to provide direct access for the enormous traffic now passing between London and Brighton. The road is only for motor traffic, all of which will be required to pay a toll fee of varying amount. Small motor cars, for instance, will be asked to pay about 4d. for the whole journey.

For motor omnibuses, eighteen stops will be provided, and there will be overhead footbridges for the use of inhabitants from adjoining villages who may wish to join them. The illumination of the road by night is to be carried out by 25,000 coloured reflectors, which are to be set up at intervals of fifteen yards. If and when completed, the road will be without parallel in Europe.—*British Wireless.*

FOR THE POOR.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BAZAAR.

The first meeting of the 1928 Bazaar Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held yesterday. It was decided to hold the 1928 bazaar on the 9th December, and the preliminary arrangements are already well in hand. "Rose Day" (street sale of roses in aid of the Society's funds) will be on Saturday 1st December.

Tickets (\$3 each) for the annual Motor Car Draw are already on sale. The first prize is a 5-seater 4-door Pontiac Six Sedan de luxe.

The Committee have a large responsibility placed on their shoulders. The expenditure of the Society on relief to the poor and on the education of the children of the poor now amounts to about \$1,500 a month. A report will shortly be issued on the work of the Society during the past year, and it is hoped that, with this account of the year's valuable but unostentatious work of the Society before them, the generous public of Hongkong will again extend to the 1928 bazaar that whole-hearted support which has resulted in the success of the Society's annual bazaar in recent years, and has enabled the Society considerably to extend the scope of its beneficent activities among Hongkong's poor.

ROBS HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES.

COOLIE CAUGHT AFTER THE THEFT.

Giving the excuse that he was about to leave the service of his employers, a coolie employed by Messrs. R. Corney & Company was given the key to the *foki's* quarters, in order that he might collect his belongings.

Instead of doing so, however, the man stole money and clothing of other *foki* belonging to the firm. He was traced and arrested yesterday and appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, on three charges of theft.

His Worship imposed sentences of six weeks on each charge, stating that they were to run concurrently.

IN MEMORY OF DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

Shanghai, Oct. 24.
The Propaganda Department of the Central Kuomintang Department, Nanking, has announced that commemorative ceremonial meetings should be held among the followers of the Kuomintang, cause all over the country, on November 12th this being the anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The s.s. Daviken was docked at Talkoo this morning for overhaul and refit.

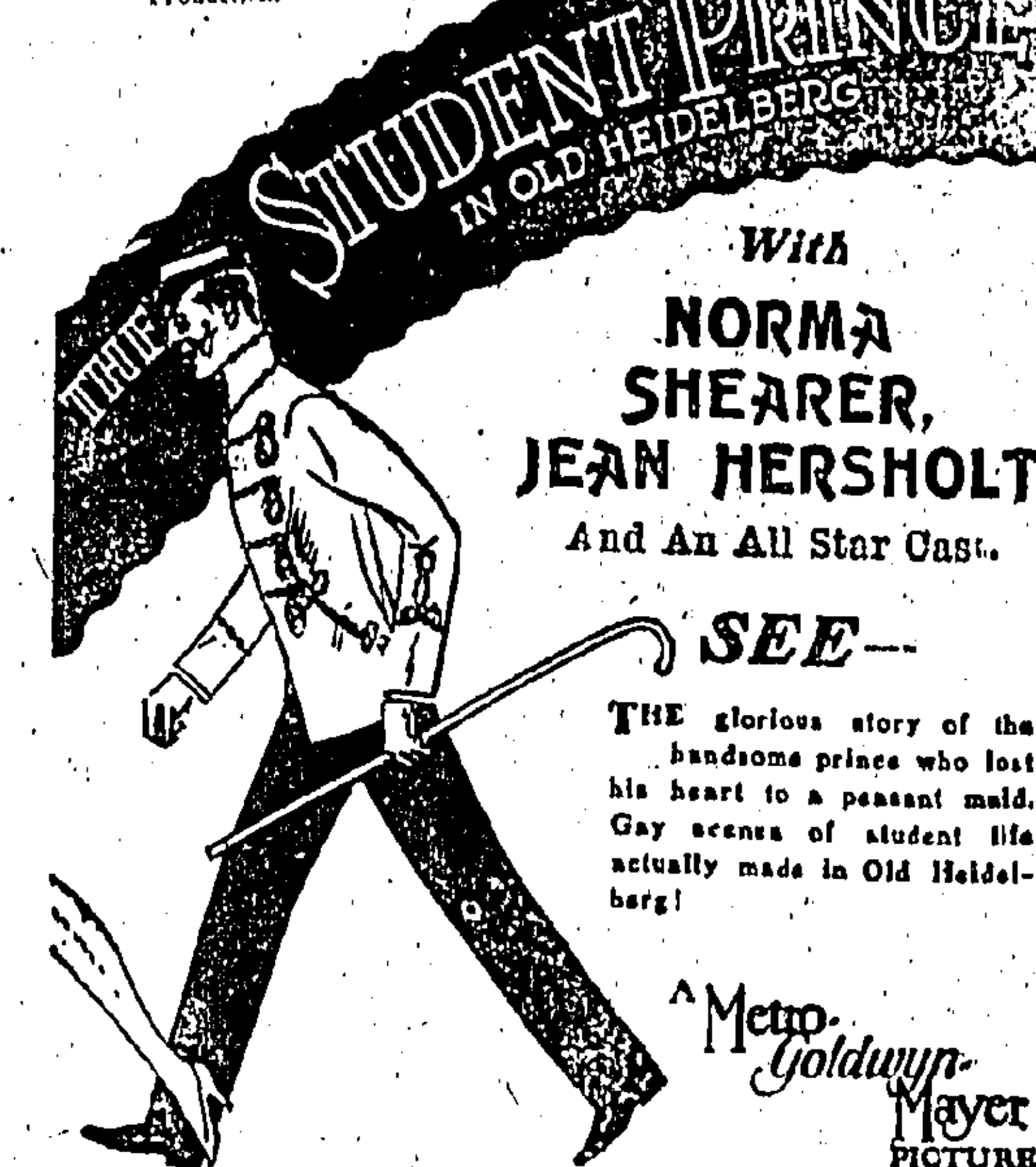
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